NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 17
Wednesday 15 March 2017

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 229):

Message Number 3

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly of, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

10 March 2017
Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 1 of 2017)
Domestic and Family Violence (Recognition of Domestic Violence Orders) (National Uniform Law) Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 2 of 2017)
Medical Services Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 3 of 2017)
Statute Law Revision Act 2017 (Act No 4 of 2017)

Dated 13 March 2017

JOHN HARDY AO
Administrator

4. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 18)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time and made a statement.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 230).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

5. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, moved:

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bail Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 18) passing through all stages this meeting.

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Gunner, Mrs Lambley, Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Question put and passed.

6. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Limitation Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time and made a statement.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 231).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION MOTION TO NOTE

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr McCarthy.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the parents of Year 5/6 students from Girraween Primary School accompanied by their teacher, Sally Phillips.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the parents of the Ms Uibo, Michael and Didamain Uibo.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Uibo, Mr Gunner, Mr Vowles.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

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8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Manison (Treasurer) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 17).
2. Mrs Lambley, pursuant to Standing Order 71, on behalf of Mr Mills to move on the next General Business Day:
   - that this Assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to conduct a comprehensive economic assessment of how a carefully managed onshore gas industry would affect the Northern Territory;

- this assessment should include but not be restricted to an assessment of royalty scheme options for the Northern Territory and the effect on regional economic development including employment and training;
- an assessment of the economic impact of onshore gas exploration on small to medium sized Northern Territory enterprises; and
- consideration should also include an assessment of gas reservation policy options and a cost benefit analysis of gas reservation or otherwise on Northern Territory economic development.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the Speaker's gallery of Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Councillor Kirsty Hunt from Litchfield Council.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

10. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.06 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner - Supplementary
14.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.11 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
14.15 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.18 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
14.21 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.25 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.28 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
14.30 Mrs Lambley to Ms Wakefield
14.34 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles
14.38 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.43 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.46 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14.50 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.52 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
14.55 Mr Higgins to Mr McCarthy

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

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11. MOTION: CONTINUE MAKING DECISIONS AND DELIVERING ON PROMISES AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly calls on the Government to start making decisions and deliver on its promises to Territorians.

Ms Manison.

Ms Manison moved the following amendment:

Delete all words after 'that' and replace with 'this Assembly acknowledges the Government for making decisions in the best interest of Territorians and calls on it to continue delivering on its promises.'

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment:

Delete the word 'Government' and replace with 'Government's poor track record.'

Mr Wood.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Member for Katherine's sister.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Mrs Lambley, Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins.

Amendment moved by Mrs Finocchiaro put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3	**Noes 18**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
	Ms Fyles
	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Amendment not agreed to.

Amendment moved by Ms Manison put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 3**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	
Mr Gunner	
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	

Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Amendment agreed to.

Question that the Motion as amended be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 3**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	
Mr Gunner	
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

12. MOTION: CRIME AND DRUG USE ACROSS THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

1. condemns the Government's lack of urgency in tackling the recent dramatic increase in crime and associated drug use; and
2. calls on the Government to urgently implement strategies to reduce the prevalence of crime and drug use in communities across the Northern Territory.

Ms Fyles, Mr Wood, Ms Lawler, Mr Higgins, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3	**Noes 17**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
	Ms Fyles
	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson

Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

13. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Spillett, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, travelled to Canberra to attend meetings at Parliament House with Federal Ministers and Members during the first Federal Sittings of 2017, dated 16 February 2017 (Paper 225).
2. Travel Report, Member for Blain, Mr Terry Mills, travelled to Perth to attend the Biennial Australia Indonesia Business Council Conference and Business Week Forum during 11-16 November 2016, dated December 2016 (Paper 226).
3. Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Selena Uibo, travelled to Melbourne on 27 November 2016, to attend isa interview at the US Consulate General for travel to the United States, dated 26 February 2017 (Paper 227).
4. Travel Report, Member for Fong Lim, Mr Jeff Collins, travelled to Sydney, December 2016, to meet with various members of the NSW Legislative Council and discuss issues relevant to the work of the Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the people, dated 8 March 2017 (Paper 228).
5. Travel Report, Member for Namatjira, Mr Chansey Paech, travelled to Brisbane to attend the National Indigenous Labor Caucus meeting on 20 February 2017, dated 10 March 2017 (Paper 233).

14. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Moss, Mr Higgins, Ms Wakefield, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.54 until Thursday 16 March 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPER

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed to have been tabled:

Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority
Roadmap for a Modern Environmental Regulatory Framework for the Northern Territory, January 2017 (Paper 232).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly