Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 60
Thursday 23 July 2026

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1. **CLERK'S STATEMENT**
The Clerk advised pursuant to Standing Order 216 that the Speaker was absent and that the Deputy Speaker would take the Chair.

2. **MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**
The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Deputy Speaker, Mr O'Gallagher, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

3. **MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
Pursuant to Standing Order 224, Mr Paech moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Ms Uibo for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

4. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Deputy Speaker advised of the presence of a photographer in the Chamber to photograph the introduction of the Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 2026 (Serial 70).

5. **RIGHTS OF THE TERMINALLY ILL BILL 2026 (SERIAL 70)**
Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for, and regulate access to, voluntary assisted dying, to establish the Review Board, and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 763).

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

6. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all members, the Deputy Speaker welcomed the Hon Kezia Purick, former Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly; and the Hon Willem Westra van Holthe, former Member for Katherine, present in the gallery.

7. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2026 (SERIAL 71)

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019* and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 764).

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 20 August 2026.

Question put and passed.

8. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026 (SERIAL 68)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Consumer Affairs and Essential Goods and Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 (Serial 68).

Ms Cahill (Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Smelt, Mr Yan, Dr Rahman, Mr Mackay, Ms Cahill (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Ms Cahill, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

9. ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY OFFICES) BILL 2026 (SERIAL 65)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Attorney-General Legislation Amendment (Boards, Committees and Statutory Offices) Bill 2026 (Serial 65).

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Paech, Mr Mackay.

Debate interrupted.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00 pm.

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10. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly of the absence of Minister Burgoyne and asked that questions relating to the minister's portfolios are directed to Minister Yan.

11. PETITION

Petition Number 25: Mr Paech presented, by leave, Petition Number 25 from 432 petitioners, not conforming with Standing Orders, praying that the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly urgently address the deterioration of NT public housing and restore safe, liveable homes (Paper 772).

Petition read.

Mr Paech moved that Petition Number 25 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

12. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Deputy Speaker advised members of the provisions of Standing Orders 20 and 34 during Question Time.

13. QUESTIONS

2.02 Mr Smelt to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.06 Mrs Zio to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.10 Mr Smelt to Mrs Hersey
2.14 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.18 Mr Brown to Mr Edgington
2.22 Mrs Carlson to Mr Yan
2.26 J Davis to Mr Yan
2.30 J Davis to Mr Yan – Supplementary
2.30 Dr Rahman to Ms Boothby
2.34 Mr Paech to Mr Yan, redirected to Mr Edgington
2.38 Mrs Zio to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.42 Mr Young to Mr Yan, redirected to Mr Maley
2.46 Mr Howe to Mr Charls
2.50 Mr Guyula to Ms Cahill
2.54 Mrs Carlson to Mr Edgington
2.58 Mr Brown to Mr Yan
2.59 Mr Patel to Mr Maley

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

14. STATEMENT ON CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Mrs Hersey (Minister for Education and Training), by leave, made a short statement regarding Charles Darwin University.

15. ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY OFFICES) BILL 2026 (SERIAL 65)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

J Davis, Ms Boothby (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 30 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to, the Assembly divided:

Ayes 15

Ms Boothby	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson	Mr Charls
Mr Edgington	Mrs Hersey	Mr Howe	Mr Kerle
Mr Mackay	Mr Maley	Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel
Dr Rahman	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio	

Noes 6

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	Mr Paech
Mr Smelt	Mr Young		

Question agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 15

Ms Boothby	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson	Mr Charls
Mr Edgington	Mrs Hersey	Mr Howe	Mr Kerle
Mr Mackay	Mr Maley	Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel
Dr Rahman	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio	

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Mr Smelt	Mr Young		

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

16. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled: Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report, Quarter 2, April to June 2026 (Paper 773).

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Maley, Mr Young, Mr O'Gallagher.

Paper tabled: Mr O'Gallagher, by leave, tabled: Tribute, Mr Andy Price (Paper 774).

Mr Paech, Mr Yan, Dr Rahman, Mr Charls, Mr Smelt, Mr Patel, Mrs Carlson, Mr Mackay, Mr Kerle.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 5.53 pm until Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following papers were deemed tabled:

Coroners Act 1993

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the deaths of Karen Bading, Ms Dick and David Harding, pursuant to *Coroners Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 766)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Kumanjayi Fly, pursuant to *Coroners Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 767)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Christine Guyula, pursuant to *Coroners Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 768)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Muhammad Shafay, pursuant to *Coroners Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 769)

Other

Report, Independent Auditor's Report for Territory Wildlife Parks NT, Northern Territory Auditor General, November 2025 (Paper 770)

Report, Independent Auditor's Report of Charles Darwin University, Northern Territory Auditor-General, June 2026 (Paper 771)

Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation No.16 of 2026, Commercial Passenger and Motor Vehicles Legislation Amendment Regulations 2026 (Paper 765)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting, except Ms Uibo on leave; and Mrs Lambley.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly