NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 25
Wednesday 11 August 2021

1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mrs Manison delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Speaker made a statement regarding the conduct of Honourable Members during Meetings of the Assembly.

5. **VISITORS**
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 and 6 students from St Mary's Catholic Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

6. **MINISTERIAL REPORT: SUCCESS OF THE GAMBA ARMY**
Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment) presented a Ministerial Report regarding the success of the Gamba Army.

Ms Lawler moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Mrs Hersey, Mrs Manison, Mr Maley.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Gary Higgins, former Leader of the Opposition and his wife Mrs Rhonda Higgins.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Purick, Ms Moss, Mr Kirby.

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Mr Yan, Ms Fyles.

Report noted.

7. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AGREED TO

Ms Uibo moved that so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the passage of the Parole Amendment Bill 2021 through all stages in the August Meetings of the Assembly.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles, Mrs Lambley, Mr Yan.

Motion agreed to.

8. PAROLE AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 27)

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parole Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Uibo moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 292).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (TERRITORY ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 26)

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms Moss.

Debate suspended.

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

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10. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 72, presented the following amended General Business Notice No 1:

   That this Assembly condemns the Chief Minister for his involvement in the Darwin Turf Club grandstand grant and his ongoing failure to be open, transparent and accountable with Territorians about how he and his Cabinet gave away $12m without rigorous testing or validation. Further, that this Assembly:

   - Condemns the Chief Minister for being part of a process that was "affected by political donations" (ICAC report p4)
   - Condemns the Chief Minister for deliberately taking a submission to Cabinet that by-passed proper process.
   - Condemns Cabinet Ministers for approving the grant that they knew was walked in "under the arm" of the Chief Minister and did not follow proper process.

- Condemns the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ministers for continuing to peddle misinformation that the $12m submission to Cabinet was a Market Led Proposal, when they know it clearly was not.
- Condemns the Chief Minister's indefensible position that his Chief of Staff was "following instructions" (ICAC p136) or that the Cabinet "did not have knowledge the proposal had been rigorously tested and validated." (ABC 26 June 2021)"

11. PETITION

Mrs Hersey, by leave, presented Petition Number 9 from 51 petitioners requesting to repeal or amend the Katherine East Area Plan to remove the retail component; revitalise the town centre; and undertake a review into independency and capacity of the Planning Commission (Paper 300).

Petition read.

12. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.05 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.10 Mr Bowden to Mrs Manison

Paper Tabled: Mrs Mansion tabled: ABC News quote from Mrs Lia Finocchiaro – Opening the borders (Paper 298).

14.14 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.15 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.18 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.20 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Gerry Wood, former Member for Nelson.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.25 Mr Edgington to Ms Uibo
14.29 Mr Monaghan to Mr Paech
14.33 Ms Purick to Mr Paech
14.35 Mr Sloan to Mr Gunner
14.36 Mr Costa to Ms Fyles
14.40 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
14.43 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.46 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Worden
14.49 Mr Costa to Mrs Worden
14.53 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.55 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss
15.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

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

13. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Arnhem Electorate Office staff, Melina Davidson and Jessie Hillen.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14. MOTION: INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION REPORT FINDINGS NOT AGREED TO

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

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> - Condemns the Chief Minister for being part of a process that was "affected by political donations" (ICAC report p4)
> - Condemns the Chief Minister for deliberately taking a submission to Cabinet that by-passed proper process.
> - Condemns Cabinet Ministers for approving the grant that they knew was walked in "under the arm" of the Chief Minister and did not follow proper process.
> - Condemns the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ministers for continuing to peddle misinformation that the $12m submission to Cabinet was a Market Led Proposal, when they know it clearly was not.
> - Condemns the Chief Minister's indefensible position that his Chief of Staff was "following instructions" (ICAC p136) or that the Cabinet "did not have knowledge the proposal had been rigorously tested and validated." (ABC 26 June 2021)"

Ms Fyles moved the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 11**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Burgoyne
Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Mr Monaghan	Mr Maley
Ms Moss	Ms Purick
Mr Paech	Mr Sloan
Mr Turner	Mr Yan
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion be agreed to.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 11	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mr Guyula	Mr Gunner

Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mrs Lambley	Ms Lawler
Mr Maley	Mrs Manison
Ms Purick	Mr Monaghan
Mr Sloan	Ms Moss
Mr Yan	Mr Paech
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

15. MOTION: FAILURE TO ADDRESS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME

Ms Boothby, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That this Assembly call on the Gunner Labor Government to immediately take action to address anti-social behaviour and crime throughout the Territory to address the serious concerns of business owners, customers, residents and visitors.

Mrs Manison.

Mrs Manison moved:

> Omit all words after 'that this Assembly' and insert the following words:
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> Notes the Northern Territory Government's actions to address anti-social behaviour and crime throughout the Territory to address the serious concerns of business owners, customers, residents and visitors.

Mr Maley, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Guyula, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington, Mrs Lambley.

Debate suspended.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs Lambley, Mr Maley, Ms Lawler, Ms Boothby, Ms Moss, Mr Turner, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Worden, Mr Yan, Mr Paech, Mr Monaghan, Mrs Manison.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.11 until Thursday 12 August 2021 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Subordinate Legislation 2021

No. 12 of 2021, Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Further Amendment By-Laws 2021 (Paper 297)

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Gift Fund) By-Laws 2021 (Paper 299)

Coroners Act 1993

Report to the Legislative Assembly, Coroner's Findings regarding the death of Christopher Mark Malyschko (Paper 293)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, Coroner's Findings regarding the deaths of Miss Fionica Yarranganlagi James, Miss Keturah Cheralyn Mamarika, and Miss Layla Leering (Paper 294)

Professional Standards Act 2003 (VIC)
The Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 295)

Professional Standards Act 1994 (NSW)
The Australian Institute of Building Surveyors Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 296)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly