NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 52
Tuesday 26 July 2022

1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Mark Monaghan, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**
Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Ms Uibo delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **LEAVE TO MOVE A MOTION**
Mr Paech sought leave to move a motion concerning remote participation in Meetings of the Assembly.

Leave not granted.

5. **MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS**
Mr Paech moved the suspension of so much of standing and sessional orders which would prevent the motion concerning remote participation in Meetings of the Assembly being moved.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Ms Moss	Mr Maley
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

6. MOTION: REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN SITTINGS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved:

That the Assembly's resolution of 30 November 2021 and amended on 15 February 2022 be amended to be as follows:

That the Assembly permits a Member to participate in Assembly meetings by audio visual or audio link on the following terms during any period for which the Speaker considers it necessary in response to a health or other public emergency:

1. The Speaker will advise all Members as soon as convenient that Members will be able to participate in the meetings of the Assembly remotely for the period pursuant to this resolution.
2. Members attending remotely will verify their presence when they join the proceedings, but not so as to interrupt a Member who has the call, by stating their name and the electorate they represent and their presence will be recorded by the Clerk.
3. Except as provided by this resolution, as far as the Speaker deems practicable the Standing and Sessional Orders will apply to Members participating remotely in the same way as to the Members present in the Chamber.
4. The Speaker may make rulings to temporarily adjust the procedural requirements of Standing and Sessional Orders to facilitate the orderly conduct of proceedings with Members participating remotely.
5. A Member participating remotely may advise the Speaker that they are exercising their vote on all questions in accordance with their respective whip. The Member will be taken to vote accordingly for as long as they continue in the link unless they advise otherwise. The Speaker may seek confirmation that a Member is still in the link if required.
6. After the ringing of the bells for a division, the Speaker will ask each Member participating remotely who has not advised they are voting with their whip to state their vote, and the Clerk and tellers will record the vote accordingly.
7. If the audio link fails, any vote on a matter will be delayed until the Speaker is satisfied that all Members participating remotely are able to vote or the Speaker orders otherwise.

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Ms Moss	Mr Maley
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Ms Moss	Mr Maley
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

7. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the presence of a photographer in the Chamber.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 576)

Message Number 17

Assent to Proposed Laws

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

30 June 2022
Appropriation (2022-2023) Act 2022 (Act No. 14 of 2022)
Revenue Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2022 (Act No. 15 2022)

Dated 7 July 2022.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 9 students from Caulfield Grammar School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

10. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Young moved that a leave of absence for today and tomorrow be granted to Ms Purick for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

MLB

11. MINISTERIAL REPORT: DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PRIORITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mrs Worden (Minister for Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence) delivered a report regarding Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Priorities in the Northern Territory.

Mrs Worden moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Mr Edgington, Mrs Lambley, Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Moss, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

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

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On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

13. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition) will present on the next General Business Day a Bill titled Fuel Price Disclosure Bill 2022 (Serial 58).
2. Mrs Lambley will move on the next General Business Day that:
    1. The NT Government recognises the indisputable evidence that alcohol and gambling are the two greatest contributing factors to the unacceptable and worsening rates of poverty, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, chronic disease and escalating crime and social disorder in the NT.
    2. That the NT Government immediately amend the legislation that from 16th July 2022 has facilitated hundreds of Aboriginal living areas, out-stations and town camps open access to alcohol for the first time in 15 years, to allow:
        a) A pause of the lifting of alcohol bans until extensive and meaningful consultation is undertaken with ALL stakeholders, and
        b) Provide for an "opt out" instead of an "opt in" approach to lifting alcohol bans
    3. That the NT Government provides stronger and more responsible regulation of the NT gaming industry

14. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.05 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.13 Mr Young to Ms Uibo
14.17 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Worden
14.21 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Mick Uibo, father of the Member for Arnhem.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14.25 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
14.29 Mr Young to Mr Paech
14.32 Mr Edgington to Mrs Worden
14.36 Mr Costa to Ms Moss
14.39 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.43 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler
14.47 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14.48 Mr Turner to Mrs Manison
14.52 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.55 Mr Bowden to Mrs Worden
14.59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

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

15. MINISTERIAL REPORT: DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PRIORITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Resumption of debate on the question that the report be noted.

Mr Paech, Mr Yan, Mr Guyula.

Question put and passed.

16. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2022 (SERIAL 55)

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo, Mr Guyula, Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Worden, Mr Bowden, Mrs Manison, Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clauses 3 to 10 considered.

Clauses 3 to 10 stand as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Clause 12 considered.

Clause 12 stands as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Clauses 14 and 15 considered.

Clauses 14 and 15 stand as printed.

Clause 16 considered.

Clause 16 stands as printed.

Clause 17 considered.

Clause 17 stands as printed.

Clauses 18 to 21 considered.

Clauses 18 to 21 stand as printed.

Clause 22 considered.

Clause 22 stands as printed.

Clauses 23 to 25 considered.

Clauses 23 to 25 stand as printed.

Clause 26 considered.

Clause 26 stands as printed.

Clauses 27 and 28 considered.

Clauses 27 and 28 stand as printed.

Clause 29 considered.

Clause 29 stands as printed.

Clauses 30 to 34 considered.

Clauses 30 to 34 stand as printed.

Clause 35 considered.

Clause 35 stands as printed.

Clause 36 considered.

Clause 36 stands as printed.

Clause 37 considered.

Clause 37 stands as printed.

Clause 38 considered.

Clause 38 stands as printed.

Clauses 39 and 40 considered.

Clauses 39 and 40 stand as printed.

Clause 41 considered.

Clause 41 stands as printed.

Clauses 42 and 43 considered.

Clauses 42 and 43 stand as printed.

Clause 44 considered.

Clause 44 stands as printed.

Clauses 45 to 46 considered.

Clauses 45 to 46 stand as printed.

Clause 47 considered.

Clause 47 stands as printed.

Clauses 48 to 49 considered.

Clauses 48 to 49 stand as printed.

Clause 50 considered.

Clause 50 stands as printed.

Clauses 51 to 65 considered.

Clauses 51 to 65 stand as printed.

Clause 66 considered.

Clause 66 stands as printed.

Clauses 67 to 109 considered.

Clauses 67 to 109 stand as printed.

Clause 110 considered.

Clause 110 stands as printed.

Clauses 111 to 159 considered.

Clauses 111 to 159 stand as printed.

Clause 160 considered.

Clause 160 stands as printed.

Clause 161 to Schedule 2 considered.

Clause 161 to Schedule 2 stand as printed.

Schedule 3 considered.

Mr Guyula moved the following amendment:

insert

section 3 definition ***senior next of kin***	whole definition	***senior next of kin***, see section 11 of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022*

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 15**
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
Mr Maley	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech

MGB

Mr Turner
Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Amendment not agreed to.

Schedule 3 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Paech (Minister for Local Government), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

17. PAPER TABLED: NORTHERN TERRITORY TREATY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT JUNE 29 2022 WITH APPENDICES

Ms Uibo (Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making) tabled: Northern Territory Treaty Commission Final Report 29 June 2022 with Appendices (Paper 577).

Ms Uibo moved that the report be noted.

Question put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Manison (Minister for Tourism and Hospitality) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Mrs Worden, Mr Yan, Ms Lawler, Mrs Hersey, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Uibo, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Monaghan, Mr Turner.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.17 until Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2020–2021

Coburg Peninsula Sanctuary and Marine Park Board (Paper 562)
Public Trustee of the Northern Territory (Paper 575)

Financial Management Act 1995

Direction to Transfer Excess Appropriation, dated 23 June 2022 (Paper 568)
Investment Determination, dated 8 July 2022 (Paper 569)
Statement Under Section 19(4) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 566)
Statement Under Section 19A(5), 20(2) and 21(3) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 567)

Gaming Control Act 1993

Agreement pursuant to Section 47C *Gaming Control Act 1993*, Conduct of Internet Gaming Business between the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing for the Northern Territory of Australia and the Treasurer for the Northern Territory of Australia and STG 4T (AUST) PTY LTD (ACN 622 279 056) (Paper 574)

Government Owned Corporations Act 2001

Statement of Corporate Intent 2022–2023, Power Retail Corporation (Trading as Jacana Energy) (Paper 563)
Statement of Corporate Intent 2022–2023, Power and Water Corporation (Paper 564)

Statement of Corporate Intent 2022–2023, Power Generation Corporation (Trading as Territory Generation) (Paper 565)

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 5 of 2022, Greyhound Racing Amendment Rules 2022 (Paper 570)

No. 6 of 2022, Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 571)

No. 7 of 2022, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 572)

No. 8 of 2022, Local Government (General) Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 573)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Purick on leave.

Mr Kirby attended via videoconference.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly