Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 34
Wednesday 15 October 2025

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1. MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

2. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 37)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Legislation Amendment (Expansion of CDS and Other Matters) Bill 2025 (Serial 37).

Mr Burgoyne (Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Brown, Mr Mackay, Mr Howe, Mr Paech, Mr Kerle, Mrs Carlson, K McNamara, J Davis, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Burgoyne (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Burgoyne, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

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

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3. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Boothby (Attorney-General) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2025 (Serial 40).

2. Mrs Hersey (Minister for Education and Training) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 41).

3. Ms Boothby (Minister for Tourism and Hospitality) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Tourism NT Amendment (Integration of NTMEC) Bill 2025 (Serial 42).

4. QUESTIONS

2.01 Ms Uibo to Mrs Hersey
2.05 Mr Kerle to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.09 Mr Young to Mrs Hersey
2.12 Mr Young to Mrs Hersey – Supplementary
2.13 Mr Patel to Mr Maley
2.17 Mr Paech to Ms Boothby, redirected to Ms Cahill

Exclusion from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Mr Paech to leave the Chamber for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

2.24 Mrs Zio to Mr Yan
2.28 Mr Brown to Ms Boothby
2.31 Mrs Carlson to Ms Cahill
2.35 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.39 Mr O'Gallagher to Ms Boothby
2.43 Mr Guyula to Mr Burgoyne
2.46 Mr Mackay to Mrs Hersey
2.50 K McNamara to Mr Burgoyne
2.54 Dr Rahman to Mr Burgoyne
2.58 J Davis to Mrs Finocchiaro
3.01 Mr Howe to Mr Edgington

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

The Speaker made a statement regarding the conduct of Mr Paech during question time.

Member Named: Pursuant to Standing Order 50, the Speaker named Mr Paech.

Suspension after Naming: Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Speaker put the question that Mr Paech be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Period of Suspension: Pursuant to Standing Order 52, Mr Paech was suspended from the service of the Assembly for a period of 24 hours.

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5. MOTION: COMMONWEALTH OVERSIGHT INTO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DEATHS IN POLICE AND PRISON CUSTODY

J Davis, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

Call on the Commonwealth Government to urgently establish a national, independent body with the resources and power to enforce minimum standards, and to investigate, report, monitor and enforce change in relation to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in police and prison custody in Australia

Mr Maley, Mr Young, Mr Yan, Mr Guyula, Mr Howe, K McNamara, Ms Boothby, J Davis (in reply).

Question, that the motion be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 6

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	K McNamara
Ms Uibo	Mr Young		

Noes 16

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

Motion negatived.

6. MOTION: INVESTING IN TERRITORY ROADS

Mr Young, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this NT Assembly:

Recognise the importance of investing in the regional and remote road network across the Territory, to drive economic development and improve connectivity, flood immunity, safety and access for all Territorians.

Paper Tabled: Mr Young, by leave, tabled: Copy of Response to Petition Number 8 (Paper 405).

Mr Yan, Mr Guyula, Mr Howe, Ms Uibo.

It being 7.00 pm, debate interrupted.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Uibo, Mr Maley, Mr Mackay.

Paper Tabled: Mr Mackay, by leave, tabled: Eulogy and Order of Service, Mr Terry Baldwin, date 29 September 2025 (Paper 406).

Mrs Zio, Mr Edgington, Ms Boothby.

As a mark of respect for the death of Mr Terry Baldwin, Members stood in silence for one minute.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.56 pm until Thursday 16 October 2025 at 10.00 am.

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly