# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## Meeting Number 59
## Wednesday 12 October 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 Moss delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

**4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the Bali bombings.

As a mark of respect Members stood in their places in silence for one minute.

**5. VISITORS**

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 2 to 5 students and teachers from Woolaning School present in the gallery.

**6. FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 71)**

Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1988* and the Fisheries Regulations 1992.

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 633).

Mr Burgoyne moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

**7. MEDICINES, POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 67)**

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012* and the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulations 2014.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 634).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

**8. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 68)**

Mrs Manison (Minister for Mining and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Act 1984*, the Petroleum Regulations 2020, the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 and the Environmental Offences and Penalties Regulations 2011 and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Manison moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 635).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

**9. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 66)**

Ms Moss (Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection Act 2019* and the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 to include chain of responsibility provisions and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Moss moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 636).

Mr Burgoyne moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

**10. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE – UPDATE OCTOBER 2022**

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

Ms Uibo.

Debate suspended.

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

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**11. NOTICES**

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 70).
2. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 64).
3. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Sentencing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 69).



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4. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Criminal Code Amendment (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Bill 2022 (Serial 65).

5. Mrs Finocchiaro will move on the next Meeting Day that this Assembly:

   Appoints a select parliamentary committee to investigate the crisis in policing in the Territory as evidenced by the Northern Territory Police Association Survey results which revealed that:

   1. 80% of police have no confidence in the Commissioner;
   2. 93% of officers do not feel that they have adequate resources to do their jobs properly;
   3. 80% rating morale in the police force as lower or very low; and
   4. 90% of officers opposed the Labor Government's punitive pay freeze.

**12. PETITION**

Ms Purick, by leave, presented Petition Number 19, not conforming with Standing Orders, from 4,476 petitioners to place a moratorium on the current housing development proposal for Lee Point (Paper 650).

Petition read.

**13. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

Ms Purick moved that Petition Number 19 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

**14. QUESTIONS**

14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Potter to Ms Fyles
14.11 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.16 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler
14.20 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.24 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles

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**Exclusion from Chamber:** The Speaker ordered Mrs Lambley to leave the Chamber for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

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14.28 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.32 Mr Young to Ms Uibo
14.35 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Lawler

**Paper tabled:** Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) tabled: Fuel Price Snapshot, 10 October 2022 (Paper 651).

14.38 Mr Turner to Mr Kirby
14:42 Mr Edgington to Mr Paech
14.46 Mrs Hersey to Mr Kirby
14.50 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.54 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.56 Mr Young to Mrs Manison

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



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## 15. LEAVE TO REORDER GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Burgoyne sought leave to reorder General Business.

Leave not granted.

## 16. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Burgoyne moved that so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended to enable priority to General Business Order of the Day Number 9, the Fuel Price Disclosure Bill 2022, ahead of any other matter in the category of General Business on the Notice Paper.

Mr Paech.

The Assembly divided:

| **Ayes 9** | **Noes 14** |
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| Ms Boothby | Ms Ah Kit |
| Mr Burgoyne | Mr Bowden |
| Mr Edgington | Mr Costa |
| Mrs Finocchiaro | Ms Fyles |
| Mr Guyula | Mr Kirby |
| Mrs Hersey | Ms Lawler |
| Mr Maley | Mrs Manison |
| Ms Purick | Ms Moss |
| Mr Yan | Mr Paech |
| | Mr Potter |
| | Mr Turner |
| | Ms Uibo |
| | Mrs Worden |
| | Mr Young |

Motion not agreed to.

## 17. MOTION: EFFECT OF CRIME ON TERRITORY BUSINESS

Ms Boothby moved, pursuant to notice, that this Assembly recognises the harmful effect that crime and anti-social behaviour are having on Territory business, particularly small business, and condemns the Gunner Labor Government for its failure to take action to protect Territorians and their livelihoods despite the Government's own crime statistics showing crime is increasing to unacceptable levels.

Mr Kirby moved the following amendment:

> Omit all words after 'That this Assembly' and insert the following words:
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> acknowledges the harmful effect that crime and anti-social behaviour have on Territory business, particularly small business and recognises the Labor Government for taking action to protect Territorians and their livelihoods.

Mr Yan, Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Worden, Mrs Lambley, Mr Edgington, Ms Lawler, Mr Maley, Mr Bowden.

Debate suspended.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Young, Mr Maley, Mrs Manison, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Worden, Mr Yan, Mr Potter, Ms Lawler, Ms Uibo, Mr Kirby, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Turner.



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The Assembly adjourned at 20.46 until Thursday 13 October 2022 at 10.00.

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**DEEMED PAPERS**

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

**Annual Report 2021–2022**

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (Paper 639)
Department of Corporate and Digital Development (Paper 637)
Department of Education (Paper 645)
Development Consent Authority (Paper 644)
Heritage Council Northern Territory (Paper 640)
Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office (Paper 648)
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority, *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011* (Paper 643)
Northern Territory Police, Drug Detection Areas, *Misuse of Drugs Act 1990* (Paper 638)
Northern Territory Police, *Liquor Act 2019* (Paper 642)
Northern Territory Police, *Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Act 2003* (Paper 641)
Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (Paper 646)
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory (Paper 647)

***Coroner's Act 1993***

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Mr Reginald Gugulpi Roy (also known as Reginald Yunupingu) (Paper 649)

***Crown Lands Act 1992***

Revocation under Section 76 of the *Crown Lands Act 1992*, Reserve No. 1677 over Lot 12719(A) Town of Nightcliff (Paper 652)

**Erratum**

2021 Division of Daly By-election Report, Northern Territory Electoral Commission (refer to Tabled Paper 610 on 31 August 2022) (Paper 653)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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