NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 31
Wednesday 27 October 2021

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

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mr Burgoyne delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **VISITORS**
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of members of the Animal Welfare Unit in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. **MOTION: ROUTINE OF BUSINESS RE-ORDER AGREED TO**
Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved:

That Government Business – Notices be considered before Ministerial Reports.

Question put and passed.

6. **TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY LAW REFORM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 35)**
Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Act 2017*, the Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Regulations 2017 and the Criminal Code.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a Second Reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 407).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. **TERRITORY FAMILIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 31)**
Mrs Worden (Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007* and the *Youth Justice Act 2005* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Worden (Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing) moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a Second Reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 408).

Mr Burgoyne moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. MINISTERIAL REPORT: CELEBRATING TERRITORY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Ms Moss (Minister for Children) delivered a report on Celebrating Territory Children and Young People.

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

Mrs Lambley, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Hersey, Mr Guyula, Mr Edgington, Mrs Worden, Ms Purick, Mr Bowden.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.02 and 14.00.

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9. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Pink Ribbon Day.

10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 34).
2. Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Jabiru Town Development Repeal Bill 2021 (Serial 33).
3. Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Interpretation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 32).

11. PETITION

Ms Purick, by leave, presented Petition Number 11 from 1,191 petitioners opposing COVID-19 vaccination mandates (Paper 409).

Petition read.

12. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE NOT AGREED TO

Ms Purick moved that Petition Number 11 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and not agreed to.

13. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.07 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.11 Mr Maley to Mrs Manison
14.14 Mr Bowden to Mrs Worden

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14.18 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Manison
14.22 Mr Young to Mrs Manison
14.25 Mr Edgington to Ms Lawler
14.29 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.32 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
14.36 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.38 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.41 Ms Purick to Ms Moss
14.45 Mrs Hersey to Ms Moss
14.48 Mr Costa to Mr Paech

Paper Tabled: Mr Paech tabled: Facebook post, Mr Steven Edgington MLA, Barkly Regional Deal (Paper 410).

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

Mrs Manison, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time from Mr Burgoyne.

14. MOTION: TERRITORY LIFESTYLE

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

> That this Assembly notes with concern the gradual erosion of the freedoms and opportunities that underpin the Territory lifestyle.

Ms Fyles.

Ms Fyles moved:

> Omit all words after 'That this Assembly' and insert the following words:
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> notes the Territory government will work to sustain and build on the freedoms and opportunities that underpin the territory lifestyle.

Mr Edgington, Ms Lawler, Ms Boothby, Mrs Worden, Mrs Hersey, Mr Kirby.

Debate suspended.

15. MOTION: REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES AGREED TO

Mr Paech (Minister for Remote Housing and Town Camps), pursuant to Standing Order 229, moved:

> That the Member for Barkly be referred to the Privileges Committee for an investigation into claims the Member has repeatedly made in relation to funding arrangements in the Barkly, and the Barkly Regional Deal. In particular the inaccurate and misleading claims in the parliament regarding remote housing and infrastructure in the Barkly region being funded by the Barkly Regional Deal.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Uibo.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 15	**Noes 7**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mr Maley
Ms Lawler	Mr Yan

Mrs Manison
Mr Monaghan
Ms Moss
Mr Paech
Mr Turner
Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Motion agreed to.

16. MINISTERIAL REPORT: CELEBRATING TERRITORY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE NOTED

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

Question put and passed.

17. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled: Members' Quarterly Fuel Transaction Report - Quarter 3 of 2021 (Paper 412).

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Fyles, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Hersey, Mr Turner, Mr Kirby, Mrs Worden, Mr Monaghan, Ms Moss, Ms Uibo, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.52 until Thursday 28 October 2021 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2020-2021

Anti-Discrimination Commission (Paper 402)
Community Benefit Fund (Paper 385)
Community Justice Centre (Paper 400)
Department of Corporate and Digital Development (Paper 406)
Department of Education (Paper 392)
Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (Paper 389)
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (Paper 387)
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (Paper 397)
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (Paper 376)
Department of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 411)
Department of Treasury and Finance (Paper 383)
Director Public Prosecutions (Paper 405)
Electricity Safety Regulator (Paper 398)
Heritage Council Northern Territory (Paper 393)
Inspector pursuant to section 137 of *the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* of Evaluation of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption pursuant to section 136 of the *Act,* September 2021(Paper 378)
Land Development Corporation (Paper 381)
National Trust of Australia (NT) (Paper 394)
Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Paper 401)

Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority, *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011* (Paper 391)
Northern Territory Grants Commission (Paper 377)
Northern Territory Planning Commission (Paper 388)
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment (Paper 379)
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment State of the Service Report (Paper 380)
Ombudsman NT (Paper 375)
Pastoral Land Board (Paper 390)
Professional Standards Councils (Paper 399)
Territory Generation (Paper 384)
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory (Paper 382)
Work Health and Safety Advisory Council (Paper 395)
Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council (Paper 396)

Gaming Control Act 1993
Alice Springs Casino Operator's Agreement (Paper 386)

Paper
Territory Families Housing and Communities Safe Care Facility – Monitoring Visit 4 February 2021 – Snapshot from 1 September 2020 to 30 November 2020, Final Report, Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory (Paper 404)

***Professional Standards Act 2003* (Vic)**
The Institute of Public Accountants Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 403)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

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