NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 92
Wednesday 7 August 2019

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Uibo delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members that taking photographs in the Chamber is not permitted.

5. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019 (SERIAL 97)

Mr McCarthy (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the declaration and management of cemeteries for the burial of human remains and for the licensing and management of facilities for the disposal of human remains, and for related purposes and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1246) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1247).

Mr McCarthy moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McCarthy moved that the Bill be referred to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 98)

Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Control of Roads Act 1953*, the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949* and the *Traffic Act 1987* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1248) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1249).

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019 (SERIAL 81): BILL AGREED TO

Ms Lawler moved the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Shenzen, China on an international exchange with Larrakeyah Primary School.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Wakefield, Ms Uibo, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Lawler.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 to 3 considered together.

Clauses 1 to 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Ms Lawler moved the following amendment:

Clause 4

omit, insert

4 Section 71A amended (Water extraction licence decision and application of Part)

(1) Section 71A(2)

omit, insert

(2) This Part applies to an application for either or both of the following:

(a) the grant of a water extraction licence;

(b) an amendment or modification of one or more water extraction licences involving an increase in the total quantity of water that may be taken under the licence or licences.

(2A) However, this Part does not apply to either of the following:

(a) an application for an amendment or modification of 2 or more water extraction licences to give effect to an agreement to trade an entitlement to take water between those licences if:

(i) the terms of the agreement are in accordance with a water allocation plan; and

(ii) the total quantity of water that may be taken under all licences held by the parties to the agreement would not increase if the application is granted;

(b) an application made because of the subdivision or consolidation of land which is the subject of one or more water extraction licences if:

(i) a development permit for the subdivision or consolidation is in force under the *Planning Act 1999*; and

(ii) the total quantity of water that may be taken under all licences relating to the subdivided or consolidated land would not increase if the application is granted.

(2) Section 71A(3)

omit

or used

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 4 as amended stands.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

New Clause after Clause 5 considered.

Ms Lawler moved the following amendment:

After clause 5

insert

5A Section 93 amended (Power to amend, modify or revoke licence)

Section 93(4)

omit

quantity of water permitted to be taken or used

insert

total quantity of water permitted to be taken

Amendment agreed to.

New clause after Clause 5 inserted.

Clauses 6 to 11 considered together.

Clauses 6 to 11 stand as printed.

Clause 12 considered.

Ms Lawler moved the following amendment:

Clause 12, proposed regulation 13(2) and (3)

omit, insert

(2) At least 4 members must be persons who, in the Minister's opinion, have skills, knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas:

(a) hydrogeology;

(b) groundwater engineering;

(c) planning and conduct of drilling operations.

(3) At least 2 members must be persons who are:

(a) representatives of users of drilling services; and

(b) not employed in the public sector; and

(c) in the Minister's opinion, not involved in the drilling industry.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 12 as amended stands.

Clauses 13 to 16 considered together.

Clauses 13 to 16 stand as printed.

Schedule 1 considered.

Ms Lawler moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1

(1) Schedule 1

omit

16(1)(b)

insert

16(1)(b), 17A(7)(b)

(2) Schedule 1

omit

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insert

60, 60A

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule 1 as amended stands.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of Bill stands as printed.

On the motion of Ms Lawler (Minister for Environment and Natural Resources), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.55 and 14.00.

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8. PETITION

Mrs Lambley presented Petition Number 36 from 1112 petitioners calling on the NT Government to fix the serious problem of car parking at the Alice Springs hospital as a matter of priority (Paper 1250).

Petition read.

9. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley moved that Petition Number 36 be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee.

Question put and passed.

10. PETITION

Mrs Lambley presented Petition Number 37 from 10 petitioners relating to a request by residents of 2 Kenna Court Alice Springs, that the NT Government remove the Alcohol Restriction sign from the premises (Paper 1251).

Petition read.

11. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14.07 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14.09 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.12 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.19 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14.23 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Uibo – Referred to Ms Manison
14.28 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles
14.31 Mr Wood to Mr Kirby
14.35 Mr McConnell to Ms Moss
14.40 Mr Mills to Ms Fyles
14.44 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner

Papers Tabled: Mr Collins, by leave, tabled:

1. Extract, Budget Strategy and Outlook, Territory Economy (Paper 1268).
2. Extract, 2019-2020 Budget, Economic Outlook (Paper 1269).

14.49 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.54 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14.57 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner
14.59 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles

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

12. MOTION: INFLUX OF PESTS, DISEASES AND WEEDS AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the Government do more to stop the influx of pests, diseases and weeds.

Mr McConnell, Mr Higgins, Mr Guyula, Ms Purick, Ms Lawler, Ms Moss, Mr Kirby.

Mr Kirby moved the following amendment:

Remove all the words after the word 'move' and replace with:

> That the Northern Territory Government work with all levels of government, industry and the community to address biosecurity threats and stop the influx of pests, diseases and weeds into the NT.

Mr McCarthy, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Mr Wood moved the following amendment:

Remove all words after 'that' and replace with:

All Governments do more to stop the influx of pests, disease and weeds into the Northern Territory.

Question, that the amendment moved by Mr Wood be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 4	**Noes 15**
Mr Higgins	Ms Ah Kit
Mr McConnell	Mr Costa
Ms Purick	Ms Fyles
Mr Wood	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Amendment not agreed to.

Question, that the amendment moved by Mr Kirby be agreed to, put.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Nelson, Ms Uibo.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: Department of Education, Website Article, Promoted to the prime position, Christopher O'Neill will take the helm of Numbulwar School, 22 July 2019 (Paper 1270) and made a statement.

Ms Ah Kit, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.36 until Thursday 8 August 2019 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Coroners Act 1993

Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Mr Ali Achmadun Djawas, dated 19 July 2019 (Paper 1252)

OmbudsmanNT

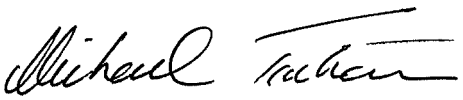
Report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Compliance by NT Police Force with *Surveillance Devices Act 2007*, June 2019 (Paper 1253)

Subordinate Legislation 2019

No. 7 of 2019, Petroleum (Environment) Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1254)
No. 8 of 2019, Juries Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1255)
No. 9 of 2019, Penalty Units Amendments Regulations 2019 (Paper 1256)

No. 10 of 2019, Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Further Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1257)
No. 11 of 2019, Transport Legislation Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1258)
No. 12 of 2019, Legal Profession Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1259)
No. 13 of 2019, Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment By-laws 2019 (Paper 1260)
No. 14 of 2019, Property Activation Regulations 2019 (Paper 1261)
No. 15 of 2019, National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) (Modification) Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1262)
No. 16 of 2019, National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Consequential Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1263)
No. 17 of 2019, Police Administration Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1264)
No. 18 of 2019, Food Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1265)
No. 19 of 2019, Pastoral Land Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1266)
No. 20 of 2019, Transport Legislation Further Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1267)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.



MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly