Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 28
Wednesday 30 July 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. VISITORS

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Larrakeyah Primary School present in the gallery.

3. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 224, Mr Edgington moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Howe for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

4. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 31)

Mr Maley (Minister for Corrections), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Youth Justice Act 2005* and the Youth Justice Regulations 2006 and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 325).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Maley moved that the Bill be declared urgent.

Mr Young moved the following amendment:

> Omit all words after 'That' and insert the following words:
> the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 28 August 2025.

Mr Edgington moved that the question be put.

Question, that the question be put, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 15

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

Noes 6

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	Mr Paech
Ms Uibo	Mr Young		

Motion passed.

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

Ayes 6

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	Mr Paech
Ms Uibo	Mr Young		

Noes 15

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

Amendment not agreed to.

Question, that the Bill be declared urgent, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 15

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

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Motion passed.

Mr Maley moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question put and passed.

5. ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 32)

Mr Maley (Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Animal Protection Act 2018*, the Animal Protection Regulations 2022 and the Criminal Code, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 327).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Maley moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 27 August 2025.

Question put and passed.

6. GAMING CONTROL AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 30)

Ms Boothby (Minister for Racing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gaming Control Act 1993,* and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 328).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

7. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 28)

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992*, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 329).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

8. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Paech moved the suspension of so much of Standing and Sessional Orders which would prevent a motion to refer the Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 28) to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

J Davis.

Question, that the suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 5

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Paech	Ms Uibo
Mr Young			

Noes 16

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

Motion negatived.

9. LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 34)

Mr Burgoyne (Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Building Act 1993*, the *Heritage Act 2011*, the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1983*, the *Place Names Act 1967*, the *Planning Act 1999*, the *Special Purposes Leases Act 1953*, the *Swimming Pool Safety Act 2004*, the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*, the *Valuation of Land Act 1963*, the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*, the *Water Act 1992* and various subordinate legislation, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 330).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

10. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 33)

Mr Yan (Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*, the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*, the *Public Transport (Passenger Safety) Act 2008*, the *Traffic Act 1987* and Regulations made under those Acts, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 331).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

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11. QUESTIONS

2.00 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.04 Dr Rahman to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.09 Mr Young to Mrs Hersey
2.12 Mr Patel to Mr Maley
2.16 Mr Brown to Mrs Hersey
2.19 Mrs Zio to Mr Yan
2.23 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey
2.26 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey – Supplementary
2.28 Mr O'Gallagher to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.32 J Davis to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.36 Mrs Carlson to Ms Cahill
2.40 Ms Uibo to Mr Charls, redirected to Mr Edgington
2.45 Mr O'Gallagher to Ms Boothby
2.49 Mr Guyula to Mrs Finocchiaro, redirected to Mr Maley
2.53 Mr Kerle to Mr Burgoyne
2.57 K McNamara to Mr Maley
3.01 Mr Mackay to Mr Edgington

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

Mr Burgoyne gave an answer to a question asked on a previous day during question time from J Davis.

12. MOTION: RESPONDING IN A TIMELY AND MEANINGFUL WAY TO THE CORONIAL INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF KUMANJAYI WALKER

Mr Paech, pursuant to notice, moved:

That the Northern Territory Government:

1. Acknowledges the findings and recommendations of the coronial inquest into the death of Kumanjayi Walker and the impact of this tragedy on his family, the Warlpiri people, and the wider Yuendumu community.
2. Commits to implementing all recommendations from the inquest in full, in consultation with Aboriginal communities.
3. Establishes a community-led oversight and implementation group, including Aboriginal Elders, legal experts, and community advocates, to ensure transparency and accountability.

4. Acknowledges that NT police officers work in challenging and complex circumstances and that strengthened health and wellbeing support should be prioritised.
5. Reinstates funding to the NT Police Anti-Racism review to ensure the NT Police are properly supported to address any systemic cultural issues within the force.
6. Calls for a pilot program in Yuendumu, co-designed with traditional owners and leaders, to restructure local governance and service delivery based on kinship and cultural authority, as a model for other remote communities.

Ms Boothby, Mr Young, Mr Brown, K McNamara, Mr Guyula, J Davis, Ms Uibo, Mr Paech (in reply).

Paper Tabled: Mr Paech, by leave, tabled: Letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Ministers and Acting Police Commissioner, No more Aboriginal deaths at the hands of police: The time to work with yapa is now, dated 29 July 2025, on behalf of the family of Kumanjayi Walker and the Yuendumu Community (Paper 332).

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

Ayes 7

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

Noes 16

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

Motion negatived.

13. MOTION: UNDERGROUND POWER IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS

Ms Uibo, pursuant to notice, moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise the importance of rolling out high-voltage underground power in the northern suburbs to deliver more reliable and safer electricity for residents, schools and businesses, particularly over the Wet Season; and
- Condemn the Finocchiaro CLP Government for failing to tell Territorians before the 2024 election of its plans to scrap the 10-year program to underground power to the northern suburbs.

K McNamara, J Davis, Mr Yan.

Paper Tabled: Mr Yan tabled: Media Release, Minister for Essential Services, Nakara first cab off the rank for Darwin's underground power project, 29 March 2023 (Paper 333).

Mr Young, Mr Brown, Mr Charls, Mr Patel, Mrs Zio, Ms Uibo (in reply).

Question put and negatived.

14. MOTION: FAMILY, DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

J Davis, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Recognises that all members of this Assembly have firmly committed to addressing Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) as a priority.
2. Acknowledges that Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence is our true crime and safety crisis, and that this crisis disproportionately impacts Aboriginal women in the Northern Territory.
3. Recognises the findings of the "Coronial Inquests into the deaths of Kumarn Rabuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Miss Yunupiŋu and Ngeygo Ragurrk', which highlight urgent reforms needed to protect Aboriginal women and children from Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, and ensure victims are seen and heard.
4. Commits to fully resourcing and implementing all recommendations of the Coroner arising from these inquests as a matter of urgency.
5. Directs the Attorney-General to provide a report to this Assembly on an update to the implementation progress on the recommendations after 6, 12 and 18 months.
6. Further commits to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and frontline services to ensure effective implementation of these reforms.

This Assembly stands united in addressing the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence crime and safety crisis, and ensuring all women and children are safe, protected, and supported.

J Davis moved that the question be put.

Question, that the question be put, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 6

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

Noes 16

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

Motioned negatived.

It being past 7.00 pm, debate interrupted.

15. PAPERS TABLED

Dr Rahman (Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee), by leave, tabled: Report, Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory-First Interim Report, July 2025 (Paper 334) and Associated Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 335) and made a statement.

Dr Rahman moved that the report be noted.

Question put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Uibo, Mr Kerle, Dr Rahman, K McNamara.

Paper Tabled: K McNamara, by leave, tabled: Images, Photos of ongoing war in Gaza (Paper 336).

J Davis, Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.44 pm until Thursday 31 July 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed tabled:

Subordinate Legislation (South Australia)

Subordinate Legislation No. 51 of 2025 (South Australia), Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2025 (Paper 326).

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting, except Mr Howe on leave.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly