

- b) to consider what a treaty in the Territory should seek to achieve
- c) to consider whether there should be one or multiple treaties in the Territory
- d) to consider what form a treaty should take
- e) to consider what outcomes are possible for Aboriginal peoples of the Territory under a treaty
- f) to research best practice approaches to treaty negotiations and consider which process should be used
- g) to provide advice on matters related to a treaty between the Territory and Aboriginal peoples of the Territory
- h) to promote awareness of the commission's activities among Territorians
- i) to perform other functions conferred on the Treaty Commissioner by the Administrator.

So, while this bill formalises Commissioner Dodson's task, his work has already well and truly begun.

Following the release of a discussion paper in March 2020, the Treaty Commissioner's key output is the release of a final report on the outcomes of consultations, recommendations on next steps and a proposed negotiation for treaty to proceed in the Northern Territory.

To be clear, it is not the Treaty Commissioner's role to negotiate a treaty or treaties. Subject to the views of Aboriginal Territorians on the above questions, his role is to recommend a model that could be used to negotiate a treaty or treaties in the future.

As I said at the outset, this important work has the potential to transform the lives of Aboriginal Territorians. However, it is also important that we are realistic about the time frames. Even if the structure for future treaty negotiations is agreed, experience from Canada and New Zealand tells us that it takes between 12 and 20 years to negotiate modern treaties. This is a long game and we are just starting.

I am pleased to commend this bill to honourable members.

Motion agreed to; bill read a first time.

Ms UIBO (on behalf of Treaty): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be referred to the Legislation Scrutiny Committee for report by 5 May 2020.

Motion agreed to.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (WORKER CLEARANCE) BILL (Serial 110)

Ms FYLES (Disabilities): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

Mrs FINOCCHIARO (Opposition Leader): Madam Speaker, we spoke about the National Disability Insurance Scheme previously here and with the people in our electorates in the community. It is a fundamental, well-meaning and fantastic scheme, but there were some challenges which are being worked through to ensure it is the most robust scheme.

It is important to give people living with a disability the power to make their own decisions about their medical and rehabilitation treatment and to have specific funding allocated to provide them with the support and control they need.

We are very supportive of the rollout of the NDIS but it was not without its issues. As elected members, we hear about them.

We discussed our concerns about our capacity to cater for the increase of demand on disability services to ensure that people—particularly who are remote or in regions, even in Darwin—can get the services they need as part of their plans.