



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**2012–2013**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**No. 39**

**WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2013**

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**1** The Assembly met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mrs Dunne) took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

**2 UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA—PROPOSED AUTISM CENTRE**

Mr Doszpot, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) the University of Canberra (UC) is considering the establishment of an Autism Centre modelled on the AEIOU Foundation framework; and
- (b) the AEIOU Foundation has recently written to ACT Assembly MLAs pointing out inaccuracies in claims about the cost of establishing such a centre, demonstrating how the centre would be an affordable option for all families needing such services and confirming their willingness to establish a centre in Canberra;

(2) affirms its bipartisan support for these additional early intervention services to families in the ACT; and

(3) calls on the ACT Government to support the AEIOU Foundation in their endeavours to establish this centre so that Canberra families can benefit from this quality early intervention programme and future UC students can benefit from exposure to world class early intervention therapies for children with autism.

Ms Burch (Minister for Disability, Children and Young People) moved the following amendment: Omit paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), substitute:

“(1) notes:

- (a) the University of Canberra has had preliminary discussions with the AEIOU Foundation about the possible establishment of an Autism Centre, but no formal proposal has yet been received by the University;



- (b) the AEIOU Foundation recently wrote to ACT MLAs seeking to clarify the cost of its service model;
  - (c) on 16 May, as a result of a motion on 10 April, the Minister for Disability provided a report to the Assembly on the support provided for autism diagnosis and services and the potential for further reforms resulting from the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Plan for School Improvement; and
  - (d) representatives of the Ricky Stuart Foundation recently sought a meeting with the Minister for Education and Disability, and a meeting has been scheduled to discuss AEIOU's proposal; and
- (2) calls on the Assembly to recognise:
- (a) the importance of providing early intervention services for children with autism spectrum disorders, and the significant support already provided by the ACT Government to people with autism; and
  - (b) the ACT Government's willingness to explore new and innovative ways of supporting people with a disability, and to engage with non-government providers to explore such opportunities."

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the University of Canberra has had preliminary discussions with the AEIOU Foundation about the possible establishment of an Autism Centre, but no formal proposal has yet been received by the University;
  - (b) the AEIOU Foundation recently wrote to ACT MLAs seeking to clarify the cost of its service model;
  - (c) on 16 May, as a result of a motion on 10 April, the Minister for Disability provided a report to the Assembly on the support provided for autism diagnosis and services and the potential for further reforms resulting from the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Plan for School Improvement; and
  - (d) representatives of the Ricky Stuart Foundation recently sought a meeting with the Minister for Education and Disability, and a meeting has been scheduled to discuss AEIOU's proposal; and
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  - (b) the ACT Government's willingness to explore new and innovative ways of supporting people with a disability, and to engage with non-government providers to explore such opportunities.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

### 3 CITY PLAN—DRAFT

Ms Berry, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that the Government’s draft City Plan, which was released for public comment on 21 October 2013, is an important document as it sets a vision for the development of the city centre, including improved public spaces, transport choices and opportunities for growth;
  - (b) the importance of the focus of the draft plan on increasing the residential population of the city centre to deliver a day and night economy, which requires changes to the way the city operates and moves at all times of the day;
  - (c) that the draft plan also looks at ways to connect the city centre to the foreshore as part of the City to the Lake proposal; and
  - (d) that the community has the opportunity to provide comments on the draft plan until 17 November 2013; and
- (2) supports the development of a City Plan and notes its importance for growth and future development of the city centre.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted in accordance with standing order 74 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

### 4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

### 5 PAPER—PETITION OUT-OF-ORDER

Mr Corbell (Manager of Government Business) presented the following paper:

Petition which does not conform with the standing orders—Yabby traps that endanger wildlife—Mr Corbell (111 signatures).

### 6 CITY PLAN—DRAFT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Berry (*see entry 3*)—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

### 7 NEW CONVENTION CENTRE—AUSTRALIA FORUM PROJECT

Mr Smyth, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) the broad support for a new Convention Centre from the Canberra business community; and
  - (b) the promise in the ACT Labor-Greens parliamentary agreement to “Work with stakeholders to progress the Australia Forum initiative to ‘investment ready’ for consortium partners”; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) table work conducted on the “investment ready” plan by the last sitting day this year;
- (b) establish a Trust to oversee the development and implementation of the plan by 30 June 2014; and
- (c) complete the “investment ready” plan by 30 June 2015.

Mr Barr (Minister for Economic Development) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after paragraph (1)(b), substitute:

- “(c) the City Plan and City to the Lake development both include the Australian Forum project in their scope;
- (d) a workshop led by industry expert Larry K. Oltmanns with key stakeholders was held on the Australia Forum where an agreement on the City Hill site was reached; and
- (e) in the lead up the 2013 federal election the Chief Minister wrote to the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader requesting that the Commonwealth partner with the ACT Government and private sector to deliver the Australia Forum project; and

(2) calls on the Minister for Economic Development to report back to the Assembly by the last sitting day this year on progress made towards reaching investment ready status for the Australia Forum project.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Smyth addressing the Assembly—

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*Member named and suspended:* The Assistant Speaker named Mr Barr for persistently and wilfully disregarding the authority of the Chair.

The Assistant Speaker, pursuant to standing order 203, proposed—That Mr Barr be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8		NOES, 7	
Mr Coe	Ms Lawder	Mr Barr	Mr Corbell
Mr Doszpot	Mr Rattenbury	Ms Berry	Ms Gallagher
Mr Hanson	Mr Smyth	Dr Bourke	Mr Gentleman
Mrs Jones	Mr Wall	Ms Burch	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Barr was therefore suspended at 4.45 p.m. for 3 sitting hours in accordance with standing order 204, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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Mr Smyth continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7		NOES, 7	
Ms Berry	Ms Gallagher	Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Dr Bourke	Mr Gentleman	Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson	Mr Wall
Mr Corbell		Mrs Jones	

The Assistant Speaker declared that the amendment was negated in accordance with standing order 162.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7		NOES, 7	
Mr Coe	Ms Lawder	Ms Berry	Ms Gallagher
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth	Dr Bourke	Mr Gentleman
Mr Hanson	Mr Wall	Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mrs Jones		Mr Corbell	

The Assistant Speaker declared that the motion was negated in accordance with standing order 162.

## 8 EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY

Mr Smyth, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that various problems exist within the ESA and its component organisations:
    - (i) ACT Fire and Rescue;
    - (ii) ACT Ambulance Service;
    - (iii) ACT State Emergency Service; and
    - (iv) ACT Rural Fire Service; and
- (2) calls on the Minister to, on the first sitting day in November, to detail how he has addressed the following issues:
  - (a) ACT Fire and Rescue—
    - (i) first responder medical training and pay;
    - (ii) draft terms of reference for capability review to be carried out by JACS;
    - (iii) effectiveness of cross-crewing;
    - (iv) requirement for second bronto;
    - (v) post-incident debriefs; and
    - (vi) replacement for out-of-date PODs;
  - (b) ACT Ambulance Service—
    - (i) culture within the service;
    - (ii) status of cardiac monitor and defibrillator problems;
    - (iii) disciplinary processes;
    - (iv) complaints to WorkSafe ACT;

- (v) complaints to Fair Work Ombudsman; and
- (vi) complaints before ACAT;
- (c) ACT State Emergency Service—
  - (i) replacement of Deputy Officer as per section 58 of the *Emergencies Act 2004*; and
  - (ii) truck licensing of SES drivers; and
- (d) ACT Rural Fire Service—
  - (i) replacement of Deputy Officer as per section 53 of the *Emergencies Act 2004*;
  - (ii) payment of close call/on call allowances;
  - (iii) availability of trained IMT officers;
  - (iv) funds for training;
  - (v) acquisition of a second bulk water carrier; and
  - (vi) movements of the fire tankers.

Debate ensued.

Mr Corbell, by leave, was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Smyth, by leave, was granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7		NOES, 7	
Mr Coe	Ms Lawder	Ms Berry	Ms Gallagher
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth	Dr Bourke	Mr Gentleman
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall	Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Hanson		Mr Corbell	

The Assistant Speaker declared that the motion was negatived in accordance with standing order 162.

## 9 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED

It being past 6 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Corbell (Manager of Government Business) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

## 10 LAKE TUGGERANONG—SOUTHQUAY

Mr Gentleman, pursuant to notice, moved—That

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) work is about to start on Southquay, a new mixed use development on the shores of Lake Tuggeranong;

- (b) Southquay is one of the first catalyst projects to be delivered after the release of the Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan;
  - (c) this development will see up to 1,000 dwellings and more than 3,000 square metres of commercial space;
  - (d) sites that have frontage to Anketell Street will allow for development of 6 to 8 storeys, with allowance for three towers of a maximum of 12 storeys. Development will step down to 2 to 4 storeys at the Lake's edge in order to maximise lake views and retain appropriate scale; and
  - (e) this development will revitalise the Tuggeranong Town Centre, create jobs in the construction sector and provide new opportunities for people to buy in the Tuggeranong Valley; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) progress the Southquay development as a priority;
  - (b) continue to look at new opportunities for residential development in Tuggeranong;
  - (c) continue the implementation of the Tuggeranong Master Plan; and
  - (d) continue to work with stakeholders in Tuggeranong Town Centre as part of its urban renewal priorities.

Debate adjourned (Mr Corbell—Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 11 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Corbell (Manager of Government Business) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.26 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE:** All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Ms Porter\*.

\*on leave

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**Tom Duncan**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly