



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

2012–2013

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2013

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 GREEN SQUARE, KINGSTON—RESTORATION OF GRASSED AREAS

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) traders within the Green Square Kingston shopping precinct are appreciative of recent improvements to amenities in the Green Square precinct; and
 - (b) the upgraded paving and seating provided by the Government is not being used to full advantage because of the lack of grassed spaces for families with children to play on; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) take note of the petition circulated by the traders, residents and businesses that outlines the impact that the loss of grassed areas is having on the area; and
 - (b) work with local Kingston businesses to enhance the space for families in Green Square through the return of grassed areas.

Paper: Mr Doszpot, by leave, presented the following paper:

Petition which does not conform with the standing orders—Green Square, Kingston—Restoration of grassed areas—Mr Doszpot (880 signatures).

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly:”, substitute:

“(1) notes that:

- (a) traders within the Green Square Kingston shopping precinct are appreciative of improvements to amenities in the Green Square precinct undertaken by the Government in 2010 following a program of public consultation;
- (b) the upgraded paving and seating provided by the Government provides further potential for community use; and
- (c) the Government has accepted the offer by some of the Kingston traders to fund the reinstatement of grassed areas and ongoing maintenance costs of the grass in the future; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) take note of the petition circulated by the traders, residents and businesses that outlines their views on the impact that the loss of grassed areas is having on the area; and
- (b) work with Kingston businesses to determine the best use of the spaces in Green Square, and how to better ensure they are better utilised by the community.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) traders within the Green Square Kingston shopping precinct are appreciative of improvements to amenities in the Green Square precinct undertaken by the Government in 2010 following a program of public consultation;
- (b) the upgraded paving and seating provided by the Government provides further potential for community use; and
- (c) the Government has accepted the offer by some of the Kingston traders to fund the reinstatement of grassed areas and ongoing maintenance costs of the grass in the future; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) take note of the petition circulated by the traders, residents and businesses that outlines their views on the impact that the loss of grassed areas is having on the area; and
- (b) work with Kingston businesses to determine the best use of the spaces in Green Square, and how to better ensure they are better utilised by the community.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

3 CALWELL—PROPOSED INDOOR SWIMMING CENTRE

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the benefit a \$4.8 million indoor swimming centre built and operated by Kings Swim would bring to residents of Tuggeranong;
 - (b) that this project would result in the creation of over 70 jobs for the ACT, in addition to jobs created by the construction of the facility;
 - (c) that this project anticipates providing facilities that would cater for 3 500 swimmers per week;
 - (d) the good faith and financial investment made so far by Kings Swim in the Calwell swimming centre project;
 - (e) the \$118 400 already paid by Kings Swim to the ACT Government in commence and complete fees;
 - (f) the ongoing financial impost placed on Kings Swim by ACT Government commence and complete fees; and
 - (g) that the Calwell Kings Swim project is shovel ready, pending payment of an additional commence and complete fee in excess of \$300 000; and
- (2) calls on the Treasurer to waive all fees relating to an extension of time to commence construction on Block 33 Section 787 in Calwell, for the purposes of ensuring the Kings Swim Centre proceeds.

Debate ensued.

Mr Rattenbury, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

- (1) Omit paragraph (1)(f), substitute:

“(f) that, on 8 October 2013, Kings Swim made a written application for the remission of outstanding commence and complete fees relating to Block 33 Section 787 in Calwell;”.
- (2) Omit paragraph (2), substitute:
 - “(2) (a) calls on the Treasurer to consider the application in accordance with Section 131 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* for a fee remission made by Kings Swim and make a decision on the application by 5 November 2013; and
 - (b) calls on the Government to undertake a review of the commence and complete fee scheme and provide a copy of the review to the Assembly by the last sitting day in June 2014.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Corbell (Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development) moved the following amendment to Mr Rattenbury’s proposed amendments: Omit paragraph (2)(b), substitute:

- “(2) (b) notes the Government is currently reviewing the operation of the fee structure, and will provide a report to the Assembly by the end of the financial year.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment to amendments agreed to.

Amendments, as amended, agreed to.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the benefit a \$4.8 million indoor swimming centre built and operated by Kings Swim would bring to residents of Tuggeranong;
 - (b) that this project would result in the creation of over 70 jobs for the ACT, in addition to jobs created by the construction of the facility;
 - (c) that this project anticipates providing facilities that would cater for 3 500 swimmers per week;
 - (d) the good faith and financial investment made so far by Kings Swim in the Calwell swimming centre project;
 - (e) the \$118 400 already paid by Kings Swim to the ACT Government in commence and complete fees;
 - (f) that, on 8 October 2013, Kings Swim made a written application for the remission of outstanding commence and complete fees relating to Block 33 Section 787 in Calwell; and
 - (g) that the Calwell Kings Swim project is shovel ready, pending payment of an additional commence and complete fee in excess of \$300 000; and
- (2) (a) calls on the Treasurer to consider the application in accordance with Section 131 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* for a fee remission made by Kings Swim and make a decision on the application by 5 November 2013; and
 - (b) notes the Government is currently reviewing the operation of the fee structure, and will provide a report to the Assembly by the end of the financial year.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

4 CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANBERRANS

Dr Bourke, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the ACT Government is committed to delivering important social reforms and major infrastructure projects to build a stronger ACT economy and create opportunities for all Canberrans;
 - (b) the Government’s priorities reflect its commitments in the lead-up to the 2012 ACT election and the items included in the 2012 ACT Parliamentary Agreement; and
 - (c) in the first year of the current term, the Government has begun delivering on its plans for Canberra—driving economic diversity and continuing to deliver a high quality of life and fairness for all Canberrans;

- (2) further notes the Government's long-term plans for Canberra are being delivered in four priority areas, as outlined in the 2013-2014 ACT Budget:
 - (a) creating opportunity and a more liveable city;
 - (b) being a healthier and smarter community;
 - (c) growing a stronger and more diverse economy; and
 - (d) focussing on urban renewal as our city grows; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue:
 - (a) setting its priorities annually; and
 - (b) delivering important reforms that will ensure that Canberra remains a progressive city that fosters opportunity for people to work, study and do business, and ensures that all Canberrans are able to prosper in the long term.

Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “notes that:”, substitute:

- “(a) the ACT Government has failed Canberrans across a range of service and infrastructure delivery projects over the last 12 years;
 - (b) the Government has been evasive with key reforms including school closures and tax reform; and
 - (c) the ACT Government is intent on being the furthest left and most extreme ‘green’ in Australia; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) release key documents relating to its tax reform;
 - (b) apologise to ACT tax payers for multimillion dollar blow outs and delays across key infrastructure projects; and
 - (c) apologise for the appalling deterioration in ED waiting times over the last 12 years.”.

Debate continued.

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.

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

6 CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANBERRANS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Bourke, and on the amendment moved by Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition) (*see* [entry 4](#))—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8		NOES, 9	
Mr Coe	Ms Lawder	Mr Barr	Ms Gallagher
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth	Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall	Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Mr Hanson		Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mrs Jones		Mr Corbell	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

7 TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the location of Trinity Christian School on a bend on McBryde Crescent in Wanniasa;
 - (b) that there is no pedestrian crossing at the Trinity Christian School;
 - (c) the concerns held by the principal, parents and the wider community for the safety of the children who attend Trinity Christian School;
 - (d) the high traffic flow in this area during peak school pick up and drop off times; and
 - (e) the need for better traffic management in this area to ensure the safety of the children at Trinity Christian School; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) install a pedestrian crossing and other appropriate traffic management measures to improve child safety; and
 - (b) report back to the Assembly by the last sitting day of 2013.

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) moved the following amendment: Omit paragraphs (2)(a) and (2)(b), substitute:

- “(2) (a) update the Assembly by the last sitting day of 2013 on appropriate traffic safety measures to take on McBryde Crescent.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9		NOES, 8	
Mr Barr	Ms Gallagher	Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman	Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter	Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson	
Mr Corbell		Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the location of Trinity Christian School on a bend on McBryde Crescent in Wanniasa;
 - (b) that there is no pedestrian crossing at the Trinity Christian School;
 - (c) the concerns held by the principal, parents and the wider community for the safety of the children who attend Trinity Christian School;
 - (d) the high traffic flow in this area during peak school pick up and drop off times; and
 - (e) the need for better traffic management in this area to ensure the safety of the children at Trinity Christian School; and
- (2) calls on the Government to update the Assembly by the last sitting day of 2013 on appropriate traffic safety measures to take on McBryde Crescent.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

8 GUNGAHLIN—INTERSECTION OF HINDER AND HIBBERSON STREETS—SAFETY CONCERNS

Mrs Jones, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that on the intersection of Hinder and Hibberson Streets in Gungahlin there have been 66 accidents in the last seven years; and
- (2) calls on the Government and the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services to:
 - (a) provide reports that have been undertaken into the safety of this intersection;
 - (b) reassess the intersection and provide a report to the Assembly on the outcome of the assessment; and
 - (c) install traffic lights at this intersection to overcome the visibility issues.

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) moved the following amendment: Omit paragraphs (2)(b) and (2)(c), substitute:

- “(2) (b) assess the intersection and provide a report to the Assembly on the outcome of the assessment by the end of April 2014.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9		NOES, 8	
Mr Barr	Ms Gallagher	Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman	Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter	Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson	
Mr Corbell		Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that on the intersection of Hinder and Hibberson Streets in Gungahlin there have been 66 accidents in the last seven years; and
- (2) calls on the Government and the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services to:
 - (a) provide reports that have been undertaken into the safety of this intersection; and
 - (b) assess the intersection and provide a report to the Assembly on the outcome of the assessment by the end of April 2014.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

9 SPORTSGROUNDS—MAINTENANCE

Ms Porter, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly notes that:

- (1) the ACT Government, through Sport and Recreation Services, maintains sportsgrounds throughout the ACT;
- (2) a quarterly independent survey of regular users of Canberra’s sporting and recreational facilities has confirmed a very high level of satisfaction from users in the July-September quarter;
- (3) the results included:
 - (a) overall quality of the experience provided by public sportsgrounds and neighbourhood ovals received a 100% rating;
 - (b) the overall management of public sportsgrounds and neighbourhood ovals scored 94% positive rating;
 - (c) easy access to grounds also rated 100% positive rating;
 - (d) amount of sportsgrounds was rated at 97% positive rating;
 - (e) maintenance and cleanliness received a 99% positive rating;
 - (f) the absence of litter received a 96% positive rating; and
 - (g) the overall management of public sportsgrounds and neighbourhood ovals scored 94% positive rating; and
- (4) these outstanding results are due to the hard work and dedication of the team at Sport and Recreation Services.

Paper: Ms Porter, by leave, presented the following paper:

Sport and Recreation Services 2013-2014—Overview of key strategic findings and strategic implications—2013-2014 quarterly report, dated September 2013.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Barr (Deputy Chief Minister) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.19 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.

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Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly