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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2002

1 The Assembly met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. A quorum of Members not being present, the Speaker (Mr Berry) ordered the bells to be rung. A quorum having been formed the Speaker 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 MATERNAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mrs Dunne, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Regulation (Maternal Health Information) Act 1998* and the *Crimes Act 1900*.

Paper: Mrs Dunne presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Mrs Dunne moved – That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Ms Gallagher) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle –

Debate resumed.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle – put and passed.

Detail stage

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 –

On the motion of Mrs Cross her amendment No 1 (*see* [Schedule 1](#)) was agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 negatived.

Clause 7 negatived.

Clause 8 negatived.

Clause 9 negatived.

Title agreed to.

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Question – That this Bill, as amended, be agreed to – put and passed.

4 DRINK SPIKING

Ms Gallagher, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the alarming problem of drink spiking in the A.C.T., which is a threat to the personal safety of young Canberrans, particularly women, and often leads to further crime such as theft, assault and rape;
- (2) congratulates the work of the Australian Federal Police in Canberra, in leading the nation in dealing with this problem; and
- (3) calls on the relevant Ministers to co-ordinate consultations between community networks and organisations, related businesses, the education and health sectors, and the Australian Federal Police, in order to commence work on policies and initiatives to tackle drink spiking, and to provide a framework for a regulated reporting regime.

Debate ensued.

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

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

6 ELDER ABUSE

Ms Dundas, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) recognises that elder abuse is a serious problem confronting the A.C.T. community that is continuously under reported and that older people are some of the most vulnerable in our community and the major detrimental impact elder abuse has on our older citizens, families and the community at large; and
- (2) calls on the A.C.T. Government to respond to Report Number 11 by the Standing Committee on Health and Community Care *Elder Abuse in the ACT*, by the last sitting day in September 2002 and that the Government response be made in accordance with the motion of this Assembly regarding implementation of committee recommendations agreed to on 10 April 2002.

Debate ensued.

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

7 ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BLUE GUM SCHOOL

Notice No. 4, Private Members' business, having been called on –

Mr Stefaniak, pursuant to standing order 127 and at the request of Mr Pratt, fixed the next day of sitting for the moving of the motion.

8 COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICES IN CANBERRA

Mr Hargreaves, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that there are only four commercial radio services operating in Canberra;
- (2) expresses concern at the concentration of ownership and the lack of diversity in the commercial radio market in Canberra;
- (3) is disappointed that Canberra was the only major regional market not to be allocated a new commercial radio licence in the recent ABA licence allocations;
- (4) notes that at least one party has expressed interest in providing an additional commercial radio service to Canberra; and
- (5) supports the provision of at least one additional commercial radio licence for Canberra.

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

Debate ensued.

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

9 A.C.T. WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE STRATEGY

Ms Tucker, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly, noting that 5 June is World Environment Day and that one of the most pressing issues in the Murray Darling Basin region is land degradation caused by mismanagement of our water resources:

- (1) agrees that:
 - (a) the building of further water supply dams in the A.C.T. should be avoided;
 - (b) the water leaving the A.C.T. via the Murrumbidgee River should be of no less quality than the water flowing into the A.C.T.;
 - (c) adequate flows should be maintained in the A.C.T.'s waterways to maintain their environmental values; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) develop an A.C.T. water conservation and reuse strategy to ensure that the water needs of any increase in population can be met, as far as possible, within existing capacities;
 - (b) investigate options for returning the A.C.T.'s water supply and sewerage services to full government control so that these services can be managed for the public benefit and not commercial return;
 - (c) report to the Assembly on the implementation of this motion by the last sitting day of 2002.

Ms Tucker, by leave, moved the following amendment: Omit paragraph 2(b) and substitute:

“(b) investigate returning the operation of the A.C.T.’s water supply and sewerage serviced from ActewAGL to ACTEW, so that these services can be managed for the public benefit and not commercial return;”.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Ms Tucker’s amendment be agreed to – put and passed.

Question proposed – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

Mr Wood (Minister for Urban Services), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

- (1) After (1)(a) insert before “the” (first occurring) “as far as possible”.
- (2) Paragraph 2(b), omit the paragraph.

Adjournment negated: It being 5 p.m. – The question was proposed – That the Assembly do now adjourn.

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

Question – put and negated.

Debate continued.

Question proposed – That Mr Wood’s amendments be agreed to – put.

The Assembly voted –

Ayes, 13		Noes, 2	
Mr Berry	Ms MacDonald	Ms Dundas	Ms Tucker
Mr Cornwell	Mr Quinlan		
Mrs Cross	Mr Smyth		
Mrs Dunne	Mr Stanhope		
Ms Gallagher	Mr Stefaniak		
Mr Hargreaves	Mr Wood		
Mr Humphries			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question – That the motion, as amended, viz:

That this Assembly, noting that 5 June is World Environment Day and that one of the most pressing issues in the Murray Darling Basin region is land degradation caused by mismanagement of our water resources:

- (1) agrees that:
 - (a) as far as possible the building of further water supply dams in the A.C.T. should be avoided;
 - (b) the water leaving the A.C.T. via the Murrumbidgee River should be of no less quality than the water flowing into the A.C.T.;

- (c) adequate flows should be maintained in the A.C.T.'s waterways to maintain their environmental values; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) develop an A.C.T. water conservation and reuse strategy to ensure that the water needs of any increase in population can be met, as far as possible, within existing capacities;
 - (b) report to the Assembly on the implementation of this motion by the last sitting day of 2002.

be agreed to – put and passed.

10 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNGAHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION

Mrs Dunne, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
- (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.

Ms Dundas moved – That debate be adjourned.

Question – put.

The Assembly voted –

Ayes, 9		Noes, 6	
Mr Berry	Mr Quinlan	Mr Cornwell	Mr Humphries
Mr Corbell	Mr Stanhope	Mrs Cross	Mr Smyth
Ms Dundas	Ms Tucker	Mrs Dunne	Mr Stefaniak
Ms Gallagher	Mr Wood		
Ms MacDonald			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting – put and passed.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Wood (Manager of Government Business) moved – That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 5.57 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Mr Pratt.

M J McRAE
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1

DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Amendments circulated by Mrs Cross

1

Clause 4

Page 2, line 7—

omit clause 4, substitute

4

Interpretation for Act

Section 4 (1), new definitions of *potential pregnancy* and *pregnancy*

insert

potential pregnancy—see section 5A (Meaning of *potential pregnancy*).

pregnancy includes potential pregnancy.

2

Clauses 6 to 9

Page 3, line 1—

[oppose the clauses]
