



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2020–2021

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 16

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021

- 1 The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Ms Burch) took the Chair and made the following acknowledgement of country in the Ngunnawal language:

Dhawura nguna, dhawura Ngunnawal.

Yanggu ngalawiri, dhunimanyin Ngunnawalwari dhawurawari.

Nginggada Dindi dhawura Ngounaawalbun yindjumaralidjinyin.

This is Ngunnawal Country.

Today we are gathering on Ngunnawal country.

We always pay respect to Elders, female and male, and Ngunnawal country.

The Speaker asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSE—PETITIONS AND RESPONSE NOTED

Petitions

The Clerk announced that the following Members had lodged petitions for presentation:

Ms Orr, from 223 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the Government to promote equality and diversity through increasing the prominence of women in place naming conventions and public statues (e-Pet 6-21).

Mr Davis, from 52 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the Government to develop and implement a traffic management plan for the southern streets of Gordon (e-Pet 13-21).

Dr Paterson, from 155 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the Government to construct a footpath along Ballarat Street in Fisher (Pet 18-21).

Ministerial response

The Clerk announced that the following response to petitions had been lodged:

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health), dated 6 May 2021—Response to petitions Nos 25-20 and 3-21, lodged by Mrs Kikkert on 9 February 2021, concerning the alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment services sector.

The Speaker proposed—That the petitions and response so lodged be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—MONUMENTAL WOMEN—PETITION

Mr Davis, pursuant to standing order 99, moved—That the petition relating to increasing the prominence of women in place naming conventions and public statues be referred to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Lawder, by leave, addressed the Assembly on Pet 13-21, relating to traffic management in Gordon.

4 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN GORDON—PETITION

Mr Davis, pursuant to standing order 99, moved—That the petition relating to traffic management in Gordon be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport, Planning and City Services.

Question—put and passed.

Dr Paterson, by leave, addressed the Assembly on Pet 18-21, relating to footpaths in Fisher.

5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That leave of absence be granted to Ms Berry for today to attend a COVID-19 test and self-isolate as appropriate.

Question—put and passed.

6 A.C.T. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN—UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Barr (Treasurer) made a ministerial statement concerning an update on the ACT's Infrastructure Plan and presented the following paper:

ACT Infrastructure Plan—Update—Ministerial statement, 2 June 2021.

Mr Barr moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Ms Stephen-Smith—Minister for Health) and the resumption of the debate made an order of business for the next sitting.

7 COVID-19—UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS—PAPER NOTED

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health) made a ministerial statement concerning the Government response to the COVID-19 emergency and presented the following papers:

COVID-19—Update on Government response—Ministerial statement, 2 June 2021.

Status of the Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19—Chief Health Officer Report 14—11 May 2021, dated June 2021.

Ms Stephen-Smith moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

8 FORMER TRANSPORT DEPOT LEAD REMEDIATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Cheyne (Minister for the Arts) made a ministerial statement concerning the lead remediation at the Old Bus Depot Markets and presented the following paper:

Former transport depot lead remediation—Ministerial statement, 2 June 2021.

Ms Cheyne moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

9 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 5—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mr Hanson (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 5, dated 26 May 2021, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the report.

10 STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

12 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Ms Burch (Speaker) presented the following papers:

ACT Ombudsman—Notification of retirement, dated 24 May 2021.

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee— Bills referred but not inquired into—Civil Law (Wrongs) Amendment Bill 2021—Correspondence to Speaker, dated 24 May 2021.

Planning, Transport and City Services—Standing Committee— Bills referred but not inquired into—Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021—Correspondence to Speaker, dated 20 May 2021.

13 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) presented the following papers:

Auditor-General Act, pursuant to subsection 21(1)—Auditor-General's Report No 1/2021—Land Management Agreements—Government response.

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission—Annual Report 2019-20, dated 16 September 2020.

Children and Young People Act, pursuant to subsection 727S(5)—ACT Children and Young People Death Review Committee—Annual Report 2020—dated 30 April 2021, together with a statement.

Financial Management Act, pursuant to section 26—Consolidated Financial Report for the financial quarter ending—31 March 2021.

Subordinate legislation (including explanatory statements unless otherwise stated)

Architects Act—Architects (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-72 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Building Act—Building (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-73 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Children and Young People Act—Children and Young People (Drug Testing) Standards 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-69 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act—Construction Occupations (Licensing) (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-74 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Electricity Safety Act—Electricity Safety (Fees) Determination 2021—Subordinate Law DI2021-75 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Environment Protection Act—Environment Protection (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-76 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Fisheries Act—Fisheries (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-70 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Gas Safety Act—Gas Safety (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-77 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Act—

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Advisory Council Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-65 (LR, 24 May 2021).

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Advisory Council Appointment 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-66 (LR, 24 May 2021).

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Advisory Council Appointment 2021 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-67 (LR, 24 May 2021).

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Advisory Council Appointment 2021 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-68 (LR, 24 May 2021).

Heritage Act—Heritage (Fees) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-78 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Integrity Commission Act—

Integrity Commission (Acting Commissioner) Appointment 2021 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-58 (LR, 6 May 2021).

Integrity Commission (Commissioner) Appointment 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-57 (LR, 5 May 2021).

Labour Hire Licensing Act—

Labour Hire Licensing (Exempt Workers) Determination 2021 (No 1)—DI2021-82 (LR, 19 May 2021).

Labour Hire Licensing (Fee) Determination 2021 (No 1)—DI2021-81 (LR, 19 May 2021).

Labour Hire Licensing Regulation 2021—Subordinate Law SL2021-9 (LR, 19 May 2021).

Liquor Regulation 2010—Liquor (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Licence Fee Waiver and Reduction) Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-54 (LR, 22 April 2021).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act and Financial Management Act—Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Governing Board Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-59 (LR, 5 May 2021).

Nature Conservation Act—

Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-79 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Nature Conservation Amendment Regulation 2021 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SI2021-8 (LR, 13 May 2021).

Public Trustee and Guardian Act—Public Trustee and Guardian (Investment Board) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-56 (LR, 3 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Act—

Road Transport (General) Concession Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-83 (LR, 21 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Driver Licence and Related Fees Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-63 (LR, 10 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Fees for Publications Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-60 (LR, 10 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Numberplate Fees Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-62 (LR, 10 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Refund and Dishonoured Payments Fees Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-61 (LR, 10 May 2021).

Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-64 (LR, 10 May 2021).

Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2017—Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Parking Authority Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-52 (LR, 22 April 2021).

Unit Titles (Management) Act—Unit Titles (Management) (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-84 (LR, 21 May 2021).

Veterinary Practice Act—Veterinary Practice (Fees) Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-53 (LR, 29 April 2021).

Water and Sewerage Act—Water and Sewerage (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-80 (LR, 20 May 2021).

Water Resources Act—Water Resources (Fees) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-71 (LR, 20 May 2021).

14 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—GUNGALIN TOWN CENTRE—DEVELOPMENT—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Clay (Chair), by leave, made a statement regarding the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services, and Mr Braddock's motion in relation to development of the Gungahlin Town Centre.

15 FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

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

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the scientific consensus is clear that human activities are primarily responsible for accelerating global climate change, and that the climate crisis now represents one of the preeminent threats to global civilisation;
 - (b) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported in 2018 that we must achieve net zero in greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of this Century in order to have a reasonable chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius;
 - (c) the Climate Council reported in April 2021 that the majority of emissions cuts need to occur within the next decade to avoid major irreversible tipping points;

- (d) the ACT has been significantly impacted by climate change in recent years with the ACT experiencing:
 - (i) the hottest January on record in 2019;
 - (ii) the hottest ever day on 4 January 2020;
 - (iii) the most hazardous air quality in any city in the world in January 2020. This smoke event was directly caused by cross-border fires and is estimated to have resulted in 31 deaths; and
 - (iv) significant loss of flora and fauna through the Orroral Valley fires in January and February 2020, including damage to 80 percent of Namadgi National Park and 20 percent of Tidbinbilla;
- (e) climate impacts will get worse over time and our entire community is being impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, including people with underlying health conditions, our First Nations peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, those living in low-income households, those experiencing homelessness, the young, the elderly and those with a mental or physical disability;
- (f) our youth and future generations have the most to lose from a lack of immediate action to stop fossil fuel expansion as they face major and lifelong health, ecological, social, and economic impacts from prolonged and cumulative effects of climate change, including food and water shortages, infectious diseases, and natural disasters;
- (g) the ACT was the first State or Territory in Australia to declare a state of climate emergency in May 2019, recognising the worsening impacts of climate change on the community and that climate action requires urgent action across all levels of government;
- (h) the ACT Government has a continuing commitment to being at the forefront of meaningful climate action and reducing our demand for fossil fuels through:
 - (i) demonstrating our national and international leadership on climate change;
 - (ii) powering Canberra with 100 percent renewable electricity from 2020;
 - (iii) achieving zero net emissions by 2045 at the latest;
 - (iv) phasing out fossil fuel gas by 2045;
 - (v) delivering 30 percent tree canopy and 30 percent permeable surfaces coverage in our urban footprint;
 - (vi) encouraging the transition to zero emission vehicles and active transport; and
 - (vii) transitioning Canberra's built environment to be climate-ready and environmentally sustainable; and

- (i) the ACT Government continues to have work to do;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the unfortunately weak Paris Climate Agreement is silent on coal, oil and gas, an omission with respect to the supply and production of fossil fuels (the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions) that needs to be collectively addressed by other means;
 - (b) global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce about 120 percent more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and such plans risk undoing the work of our city to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
 - (c) the fossil fuel industry is currently claiming over 50 percent of COVID-19 recovery funding from senior levels of government in the G20, thereby siphoning away recovery funding badly needed by cities and other industries;
 - (d) the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels;
 - (e) the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction; and
 - (f) the ACT Government is committed to working closely with the community, ensuring a just transition for those impacted by evolving industries and employment, and growing green industries and jobs;
- (3) further notes that:
 - (a) a new, global movement is emerging, calling for a new Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that uses, as a guide, the three pillars of the existing nuclear non-proliferation treaty to:
 - (i) end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion (non-proliferation);
 - (ii) manage the phasing out of existing production (disarmament); and
 - (iii) develop equitable transition plans (peaceful use); and
 - (b) Barcelona in Spain, Vancouver in Canada, Los Angeles in the United States, the City of Moreland in Victoria and two municipalities in the United Kingdom have endorsed this call for an international treaty action so far; and
- (4) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) join with other cities, organisations, and individuals, to endorse the call for an international Treaty on Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation; and

- (b) send a letter to urge the Australian Government, and other States and Territories, to similarly endorse the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

16 CANBERRA COMMUNITY LAW—FUNDING

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) Canberra Community Law (CCL) has been providing free legal services to Canberrans on low incomes for over 30 years, specialising in public housing, Centrelink and race and disability discrimination law; and
 - (b) CCL continues to experience increased demand and greater complexity due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) short-term COVID-related funding ceases by 30 June 2021;
 - (b) private and non-government funding has also reduced during the pandemic; and
 - (c) CCL faces a significant shortfall in resources to maintain current service levels from 1 July 2021; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to provide funding certainty for CCL within the next seven days.

Mr Rattenbury moved the following amendment:

Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

- “(1) notes:
 - (a) Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are a key support in Canberra’s legal assistance sector, alongside Legal Aid ACT. Together they provide a range of valuable and specialised legal services, helping to support vulnerable and disadvantaged Canberrans;
 - (b) ACT CLCs include the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Canberra Community Law, Women’s Legal Centre, the Consumer Law Centre, and the Environmental Defenders Office; and
 - (c) demand for legal assistance in Canberra has grown and become more complex as a result of COVID-19. This increased pressure remains;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) the Federal and ACT Governments have jointly provided short-term COVID-related funding to the legal assistance sector until 30 June 2021;

- (b) the latest Federal Government Budget did not continue this funding for the majority of ACT CLCs, leaving them at risk of a shortfall in resources to maintain current service levels from 1 July 2021;
 - (c) sources of private and non-government funding to the legal assistance sector have decreased during the pandemic; and
 - (d) the ACT Government will make funding decisions regarding the ACT's legal assistance sector as part of its 2021-22 Budget process, and advise the sector as soon as practical; and
- (3) calls on the Federal Government to recommit support for the ACT's legal assistance sector."

Debate ensued.

Ms Lee moved the following amendment to Mr Rattenbury's proposed amendment:

Omit paragraphs (2) and (3), substitute:

"(2) calls on the ACT Government to provide funding certainty for the ACT's CLC within the next seven days."

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7		NOES, 14	
Mr Cain		Mr Barr	Ms Orr
Ms Castley		Mr Braddock	Dr Paterson
Mr Hanson		Ms Burch	Mr Pettersson
Mrs Jones		Ms Cheyne	Mr Rattenbury
Ms Lee		Ms Clay	Mr Steel
Mr Milligan		Ms Davidson	Ms Stephen-Smith
Mr Parton		Mr Davis	
		Mr Gentleman	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That Mr Rattenbury's amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

"That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are a key support in Canberra's legal assistance sector, alongside Legal Aid ACT. Together they provide a range of valuable and specialised legal services, helping to support vulnerable and disadvantaged Canberrans;
 - (b) ACT CLCs include the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Canberra Community Law, Women's Legal Centre, the Consumer Law Centre, and the Environmental Defenders Office; and

- (c) demand for legal assistance in Canberra has grown and become more complex as a result of COVID-19. This increased pressure remains;
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 - (a) the Federal and ACT Governments have jointly provided short-term COVID-related funding to the legal assistance sector until 30 June 2021;
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 - (c) sources of private and non-government funding to the legal assistance sector have decreased during the pandemic; and
 - (d) the ACT Government will make funding decisions regarding the ACT's legal assistance sector as part of its 2021-22 Budget process, and advise the sector as soon as practical; and
- (3) calls on the Federal Government to recommit support for the ACT's legal assistance sector."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr Rattenbury moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Order of the day No 3, Private Members' business relating to development of the Gungahlin Town Centre, being called on forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

18 GUNGALIN TOWN CENTRE—DEVELOPMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Braddock—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Suburban Land Agency auction on 12 May 2021 of the following blocks in the Gungahlin Town Centre:
 - (i) section 246 block 4;
 - (ii) section 249 block 4;
 - (iii) section 249 block 5; and
 - (iv) section 249 block 12;
 - (b) the Gungahlin Town Centre Planning Refresh Community Engagement Report;
 - (c) Draft Variation 364 (DV 364), Gungahlin Town Centre Precinct Code, is currently the subject of an inquiry by the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Transport, and City Services;

- (d) the resolution relating to development of the Gungahlin Town Centre passed by the Assembly on 10 February 2021 (the resolution) calling on the ACT Government to “support the further development of the Gungahlin region and town centre, ensuring that there are additional employment opportunities in Gungahlin by ... ensuring current sales of development sites incorporate the requirements to support best practice mixed-use developments”; and
 - (e) the importance of increasing the level of affordable rental and public housing stock in close consultation with the community so as to maintain community support and deliver good social outcomes; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) report to the Assembly by the next sitting day, how the sale of the aforementioned blocks meets the conditions specified in the resolution, in particular “ensuring current sales incorporate the requirements to support best practice mixed-use developments”;
 - (b) acknowledge the level of community concern about Gungahlin Town Centre planning;
 - (c) address the community’s concerns by developing through effective consultation with the community, and incorporating into the Territory Plan, a plan for the Gungahlin Town Centre that incorporates the following elements:
 - (i) no reduction in commercial office space, the area of the linear park, or Community Facilities Zoned land;
 - (ii) any variation to the use of blocks 3 and 5 section 231 must be done via a disallowable instrument; and
 - (iii) within current height limits;
 - (d) not proceed with any other sales of land in the Gungahlin Town Centre for the purpose of mixed-use development until these variations are incorporated into the Territory Plan;
 - (e) report to the Assembly every three months updates on Gungahlin Town Centre planning;
 - (f) direct the Suburban Land Agency to develop land in the Gungahlin Town Centre in a way that generates higher quality outcomes for the community by:
 - (i) consulting widely with the Gungahlin community before future mixed-use or commercial blocks are sold, and ensuring that outcomes from that consultation are reflected in an appropriate sales process;
 - (ii) consider bringing land to the market in larger blocks that encourage place making development; and
 - (iii) increase the size of commercial premises allowed in the lease restrictions for mixed-use developments;

- (g) designate a single point of contact within ACT Government with responsibility for whole-of-government outcomes for Gungahlin; and
- (h) develop and publish a strategy to actively encourage employment in the Gungahlin Town Centre by 31 December 2021.

Mr Braddock, by leave, moved an amendment to his motion:

Omit all words after “That”, substitute:

“this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) community concern about Gungahlin Town Centre planning and the Gungahlin Town Centre Planning Refresh Community Engagement Report;
 - (b) *Draft Variation 364 (DV364) Gungahlin Town Centre Precinct Code* is currently the subject of an inquiry by the Legislative Assembly Planning, Transport, and City Services Standing Committee;
 - (c) the resolution relating to development of the Gungahlin Town Centre passed by the Assembly on 10 February 2021 (the Resolution) calling on the ACT Government to “support the further development of the Gungahlin region and town centre, ensuring that there are additional employment opportunities in Gungahlin by ensuring current sales of development sites incorporate the requirements to support best practice mixed-use developments”;
 - (d) the ACT Government is the largest single employer in Gungahlin, with over 1 000 staff employed there across a range of directorates and agencies;
 - (e) the Australian Public Service has a significant presence in, and anchors all other Town Centres, but has not acted to locate any significant Federal agencies in the Gungahlin Town Centre, despite thousands of Commonwealth public servants residing in Gungahlin;
 - (f) the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement aims to deliver a total of 400 additional public housing dwellings, and 600 additional affordable rental housing dwellings by 2025, noting the significant challenges in land availability, industry and sector capacity; and
 - (g) the importance of increasing the level of affordable rental and public housing stock in close consultation with the community so as to maintain community support and deliver good social outcomes; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) consult Gungahlin residents about the future of their town centre and district, to ensure community facility and commercial zoned land is appropriately delivered;
 - (b) confirm there will be no reduction in the area of the linear park, community facility land or commercially zoned land in the Gungahlin Town Centre;

- (c) direct the Suburban Land Agency to develop land in the Gungahlin Town Centre in a way that generates high quality outcomes for the community by:
 - (i) consulting widely with the Gungahlin community before future mixed use or commercial blocks are sold, and ensuring that outcomes from that consultation are reflected in an appropriate sales process;
 - (ii) considering selling land in larger blocks that encourage place-making development;
 - (iii) allowing an increase to the size of commercial premises in the lease restrictions for mixed-use developments; and
 - (iv) structuring all planned Gungahlin Town Centre land sales to ensure their primary purpose is employment generation, commercial and/or community facility use, while (1) consultation about the future of Gungahlin Town Centre and district is ongoing; and (2) incorporation of the Resolution into the Territory Plan is finalised;
- (d) actively encourage employment in the Gungahlin Town Centre through regional consideration and implementation of the ACT's economic development strategies;
- (e) prepare and submit a prospectus for the Commonwealth Finance Minister on the relative benefits of moving new or growing Federal agencies to Gungahlin, to support further economic development in the region; and
- (f) report to the Assembly by October 2021 on implementation of the Resolution."

Debate continued.

Question—That Mr Braddock's amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

"That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) community concern about Gungahlin Town Centre planning and the Gungahlin Town Centre Planning Refresh Community Engagement Report;
 - (b) *Draft Variation 364 (DV364) Gungahlin Town Centre Precinct Code* is currently the subject of an inquiry by the Legislative Assembly Planning, Transport, and City Services Standing Committee;
 - (c) the resolution relating to development of the Gungahlin Town Centre passed by the Assembly on 10 February 2021 (the Resolution) calling on the ACT Government to "support the further development of the Gungahlin region and town centre, ensuring that there are additional employment opportunities in Gungahlin by ensuring current sales of

development sites incorporate the requirements to support best practice mixed-use developments”;

- (d) the ACT Government is the largest single employer in Gungahlin, with over 1 000 staff employed there across a range of directorates and agencies;
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- (a) consult Gungahlin residents about the future of their town centre and district, to ensure community facility and commercial zoned land is appropriately delivered;
 - (b) confirm there will be no reduction in the area of the linear park, community facility land or commercially zoned land in the Gungahlin Town Centre;
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 - (iii) allowing an increase to the size of commercial premises in the lease restrictions for mixed-use developments; and
 - (iv) structuring all planned Gungahlin Town Centre land sales to ensure their primary purpose is employment generation, commercial and/or community facility use, while (1) consultation about the future of Gungahlin Town Centre and district is ongoing; and (2) incorporation of the Resolution into the Territory Plan is finalised;
 - (d) actively encourage employment in the Gungahlin Town Centre through regional consideration and implementation of the ACT’s economic development strategies;

- (e) prepare and submit a prospectus for the Commonwealth Finance Minister on the relative benefits of moving new or growing Federal agencies to Gungahlin, to support further economic development in the region; and
- (f) report to the Assembly by October 2021 on implementation of the Resolution.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

19 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—INTERACTION BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY AND ITS COMMITTEES

Ms Orr, by leave, moved—That:

- (1) the Assembly recently considered a motion relating to a matter that was also the subject of an inquiry before an Assembly committee;
- (2) the conventions and practices around the interaction between Assembly and the operations of Assembly committees are not well defined, and
- (3) this Assembly refers to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure whether standing orders need to be made to cover the interaction between motions moved in the Assembly that relate to active committee inquiries, and any other related matter.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

20 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 5:55 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Ms Berry.*

*on leave.

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly