



Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability)

Amendment Bill 2025

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 27* – Tuesday, 1 July 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair)
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 1.01 pm.

6. Bill referral – Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025

- 6.1. The Committee **resolved** [Werner-Gibbings] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, reply to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the Bill.
- 6.2. The Committee **resolved** [Werner-Gibbings] that the inquiry submission period close on 31 July 2025.
- 6.3. The Committee deferred making a decision on a date for a public hearing. The Committee noted that if there was to be a public hearing, a suitable date would be 9am to 5pm 20 August 2025, but that it may be necessary to seek an extension to the reporting date.
- 6.4. The Committee **resolved** [Werner-Gibbings] to endorse the media release, as amended.

16. Close

- 16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.05 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 30* – Monday, 21 July 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair)
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 1.02 pm.

5. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025

- 5.1. The Committee noted the following outgoing correspondence:
 - 5.1.1. Sent 3 July 2025, letter to the Speaker advising the Committee will undertake an inquiry into the Bill.
- 5.2. The Committee **resolved** [Werner-Gibblings] to receive and authorise for publication with redactions Submission 1 (Josh) – using his first name only.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 1.53 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 31* – Wednesday, 13 August 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA,
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibblings MLA (Deputy Chair) - Apologies

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

5. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisations Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025

- 5.1. The Committee agreed to defer deciding on holding a public hearing to its next private meeting.
- 5.2. The Committee noted correspondence received 22 July 2025 from the ACT Bar Association providing their media release issued on 11 June 2025.
- 5.3. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to receive and authorise for publication the following submissions:
 - 5.3.1. Submission 2: Dr Allison Silink
 - 5.3.2. Submission 3: Leanne (using the first name only)
 - 5.3.3. Submission 4: Canberra Rape Crisis Centre
 - 5.3.4. Submission 6: Karp O'Neil Lawyers
 - 5.3.5. Submission 7: Children and Young People Commissioner
 - 5.3.6. Submission 8: Scouts ACT
 - 5.3.7. Submission 10: ACT Government
 - 5.3.8. Submission 12: Bravehearts
 - 5.3.9. Submission 13: Australian Lawyers Alliance

- 5.3.10. Submission 18: Dr Laura Rademaker
- 5.3.11. Submission 19: Hassan Ehsan
- 5.4. The Committee **resolved** [Barry] to receive the following submissions as confidential submissions:
 - 5.4.1. Submission 5: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Dominic Walsh (a pseudonym)
 - 5.4.2. Submission 9: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Sandra Carpenter
 - 5.4.3. Submission 11: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Daniel Peterson (a pseudonym)
 - 5.4.4. Submission 14: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Matthew Rose
 - 5.4.5. Submission 15: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Robert Schermer (a pseudonym)
 - 5.4.6. Submission 16: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - IH (a Pseudonym)
 - 5.4.7. Submission 17: Hassan Ehsan on behalf of - Matthew Wheatley
 - 5.4.8. Submission 20: Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT
- 5.5. The Committee noted that it agreed out of session to grant submission extensions until 7 August 2025, and that an extension was granted to the Baptist Churches NSW & ACT.
- 5.6. The Committee noted a summary of submissions prepared by the Secretariat.
- 6. **Close**
 - 6.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.45 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 32* – Wednesday, 20 August 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr. Shane Rattenbury MLA,

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03 am.

4. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025

- 4.1. The Committee deliberated on potential recommendations for the Chair's draft report.

10. Close

- 10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.39 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 33* – Wednesday, 27 August 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr. Shane Rattenbury MLA,

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11:01am.

4. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025

- 4.1. The Secretariat updated the Committee as to the status of the report's progress.
- 4.2. The Committee directed the Secretariat to schedule a second meeting for Friday 12 September for the purpose of report consideration.

7. Close

- 7.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11:27am
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 34* – Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr. Shane Rattenbury MLA,

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11:02am.

4. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025 – report consideration

- 4.1. The Committee noted that the Chair's report was circulated on 5 September 2025.
- 4.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.
- 4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by exception.
- 4.4. The Committee deliberated on the report at follows:
- 4.4.1. Chapter 1 – agreed to
 - 4.4.2. Chapter 2 – agreed to
 - 4.4.3. Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.48 – agreed to
 - 4.4.4. After paragraph 3.48 - insertion of new paragraph
 - 4.4.5. Paragraph 4.1 – agreed to
 - 4.4.6. Paragraph 4.2 – amended and agreed to
 - 4.4.7. After paragraph 4.2 – insertion of two new paragraphs

4.4.8.Paragraph 4.3 – agreed to

4.4.9.Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to

4.4.10. Paragraph 4.4 – agreed to

4.4.11. Appendix A – agreed to

4.5. The Committee agreed to defer further consideration and adoption of the report until the next private meeting.

7. Close

7.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12:26pm

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 35* – Friday, 12 September 2025

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr. Shane Rattenbury MLA,

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11:03am.

3. Inquiry into the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025 – report consideration

3.1. The Committee noted that a version of the report incorporating the Committee's amendments at the previous meeting was circulated 11 September 2025.

3.2. The Committee agreed to consider the report by exception.

3.3. The Committee deliberated on the report at follows:

3.3.1. Chapter 1 – agreed to

3.3.2. Chapter 2 – agreed to

3.3.3. Chapter 3 – agreed to

3.3.4. Paragraph 4.1 – agreed to

3.3.5. Paragraph 4.2 – amended and agreed to

3.3.6. Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5 – agreed to

3.3.7. Recommendation 1 – agreed to

3.3.8. Paragraph 4.6 – agreed to

3.3.9. Appendix A – agreed to

3.4. The Committee [BARRY] **resolved** that the report (as amended) be agreed to.

- 3.5. The Committee [WERNER-GIBBINGS] **resolved** that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.
- 3.6. The Committee agreed to table the report during the sitting week of 15 September 2025.
- 3.7. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Committee endorse the draft media release as amended for report tabling.

6. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:13am

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Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA
Acting Chair
15 September 2025