Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

Standing Committee on the Legal Affairs

Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 041* – Wednesday, 5 November 2025

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.10 pm.

5. Referral of the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

5.1. The Committee noted correspondence received 5 November 2025 from Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA regarding the bill.

5.2. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, reply to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the Bill.

5.3. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the inquiry submission period close on 24 November 2025, and that a public hearing would be scheduled for 5 December 2025.

5.4. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] that the Chair move in the Chamber that the reporting date be extended until 20 February 2025.

5.5. The Committee agreed that Members are to provide lists of stakeholders to the Secretariat to invite submissions.

5.6. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to endorse the media release as amended.

12. Close

12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.50 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 051* – Wednesday, 26 November 2025

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. **Commencement**

   1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

6. **Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025**

   6.1. The Committee noted the letter sent 5 November 2025 to the Speaker advising him that the Committee has resolved to undertake an inquiry into the Bill.

   6.2. The Committee noted an email received 6 November 2025 from ACT Policing advising they will not be making a submission to this inquiry.

   6.3. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submissions:

      6.3.1. Submission 1: Australian Multicultural Action Network Inc

      6.3.2. Submission 2: Alexandra Bagnara

      6.3.3. Submission 3: Domestic Violence Crisis Service

      6.3.4. Submission 4: Kym Valentine

      6.3.5. Submission 5: DoorDash

      6.3.6. Submission 6: Alcohol and Drug Foundation

      6.3.7. Submission 7: ATODA

      6.3.8. Submission 8: Uber Eats (excluding the attachment which is to be accepted and published as an Exhibit 1.

      6.3.9. Submission 9: Retail Drinks Australia (excluding the attachments)

      6.3.10. Submission 10: FARE

   6.4. The Committee noted that it had agreed out of session to grant an extension until 27 November 2025 to the ACT Government to make a submission.

   6.5. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to agreed to the following hearing schedule, and that the Chair should invite the Attorney-General to the hearing:

      6.5.1. FARE and Kym Valentine (40 minutes)

      6.5.2. Domestic Violence Crisis Service and ATODA (40 minutes)

      6.5.3. DoorDash and UberEats (40 minutes)

      6.5.4. Retail Drinks Australia (30 minutes)

6.5.5. Attorney-General (1 hour)

6.6. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to invite opening statements of up to two minutes, to cover matters not already canvassed in written submissions.

6.7. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to consider a re-drafted media release out of session.

16. Close

16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.28 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 052* – Tuesday, 2 December 2025

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.32 pm.

3. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

3.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish Submission 11: ACT Government.

3.2. The Committee noted that a witness for the public hearing on 5 December 2025, invited as a member of Retail Drinks Australia, has indicated that he will represent his own company. The Committee advised the secretariat that this was not a concern.

8. Close

8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.57 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 053* – Friday, 5 December 2025

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 9.15 am.

1.2. The Chair advised she would be late and arrived at 9.30am.

2. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025 – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education:

- Ms Ayla Chorley, CEO, via Webex
- Ms Kym Valentine, Lived Experience Adviser, Job Title, via webex

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.3. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Domestic Violence Crisis Service
- Ms Brooke McKail, Deputy CEO
- ATODA
- Ms Anita Mills, CEO

2.4. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.5. The Chair suspended proceedings between 10.35 am and 10.50 am.

2.6. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- DoorDash Australia and New Zealand
- Mr Rowan Payne, Manager, Policy and Government Relations
- Ms Maggie Lloyd, Head of Public Policy and Government, via Webex
- Uber Eats
- Ms Ashleigh Cormack, Head of Public Policy, Delivery
- Ms Rachel Williams, Head of Regulated Goods – Grocery and Retail

2.7. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.8. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Retail Drinks Australia
- Mr Michael Waters, CEO
- Mr Kary Petersen, General Manager, Policy & Strategy
- Wilcorp Pty LD (ACT)
- Mr John Wilson, Director

2.9. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.10. The Chair suspended proceedings between 12.18 pm and 1.00 pm.

2.11. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Tara Cheyne MLA, Attorney-General
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
- Mr Daniel Ng, Acting Executive Group Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs

- Ms Nadia Marjan, Acting Executive Branch Manager, Civil and Regulatory Law Branch, Legislation, Policy and Programs

2.12. The Minister tabled several research documents.

2.13. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

5. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

5.1. The Committee deliberated on the public hearing.

5.2. The Committee noted advice from the JACS Directorate regarding a submission from Clubs ACT which was incorrectly provided to the Directorate instead of the Committee.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.35 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 054* – Wednesday, 10 December 2025

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

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.09 pm.

5. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

5.1. The Committee noted an email received 5 December 2025 from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation expressing interest in appearing at a further public hearing if there should be one.

5.2. The Committee discussed the inquiry.

16. Close

16.1. The Deputy Chair closed the meeting at 12.41 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 056* – Wednesday, 21 January 2026

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.06 am.

7. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

7.1. The committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to accept QTON answers 1 to 17, and authorise for publication except answers 6, 10, 11, and 16 which are to be kept in confidence as requested.

7.2. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to agree to Uber Eats request to have references to thresholds in the published transcript removed.

7.3. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to liaise with broadcasting about removal of the same references from the video recording of the session.

7.4. The Committee deliberated on proposed recommendations by Mr Rattenbury.

7.5. Mr Werner-Gibbings agreed to provide to the Committee his comments on Mr Rattenbury's and Ms Barry's proposed recommendations.

19. Close

19.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.27 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 057* – Wednesday, 28 January 2026

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 10.06 am.

4. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2026

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

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.00 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 058* – Wednesday, 11 February 2026

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

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

9. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

9.1. The Committee deferred report consideration to its next meeting.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.29 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 059* – Thursday, 12 February 2026

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

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 3.08 pm.

4. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025 – Report consideration

4.1. The Committee noted that the Chair's draft report was circulated on Monday 9 February 2026.

4.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

4.4. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to

Chapter 2 – agreed to

Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.7 – agreed to

Paragraph 3.8 – amended and agreed to

Paragraphs 3.9 to 3.26 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.1 to 4.4 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.5 – removed

Paragraph 4.6 to 4.30 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.31 – removed

Paragraph 4.32 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to

Insert new paragraph after Recommendation 1

Recommendation 2 – agreed to

Recommendation 3 – removed

Paragraphs inserted before Recommendation 4

Recommendation 4 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 5 – removed

Recommendation 6 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.33 to 4.36 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.37 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 4.38 to 4.49 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.50 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 4.51 to Paragraph 4.53 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.54 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 4.55 – removed

Recommendation 7 – removed

Paragraph 4.56 to Paragraph 4.59 – agreed to

Paragraph 4.60 - amended and agreed to

paragraph 4.61 – agreed to

Recommendation 8 – amended and deferred

Paragraph 4.62 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 4.63 to 4.64 - agreed to

Recommendation 9 – deferred

Paragraph 4.65 to Paragraph 4.75 - agreed to

Recommendation 10 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 5.1 to 5.7 - agreed to

Recommendation 11 – agreed to

Paragraph 5.8 – agreed to

Recommendation 12 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 5.9 to 5.11 – agreed to

Insert new paragraph after 5.11

Recommendation 13 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 5.12 – agreed to

Paragraph 5.13 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 5.14 - agreed to

Recommendation 14 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 15 - removed

Paragraph 6.1 to 6.11 - agreed to

Recommendation 16 – agreed to

Recommendation 17 – agreed to

Paragraph 6.12 to Paragraph 6.13 – agreed to

Paragraph 6.14 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 6.15 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 6.16 - agreed to

Recommendation 18 – deferred

Paragraph 6.17 - agreed to

Recommendation 19 - agreed to

Chapter 7 – agreed to

4.5. The Committee agreed to reconsider the amended report at its next private meeting.

8. Close

8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.43 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 060* – Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Apologies: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair)

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1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

4. Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025 – report consideration

4.1. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.2. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

4.3. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to
Chapter 2 – agreed to
Chapter 3 – agreed to
Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.30 – agreed to
Recommendation 1 – agreed to
Paragraph 4.31 – agreed to
Recommendation 2 – agreed to
Paragraphs 4.32 to 4.34 – agreed to
Recommendations 3 and 4 – agreed to

Paragraphs 4.35 to 4.62 – agreed to
Finding 1 inserted after paragraph 4.62
Recommendation 5 – deleted
Paragraphs 4.63 to 4.65 – agreed to
Committee comment inserted after paragraph 4.65
Recommendation 6 – deleted
Paragraphs 4.66 to 4.76 – agreed to
Recommendation 7 – agreed to
Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 – agreed to
Recommendation 8 –agreed to
Paragraph 5.8 – agreed to
Recommendation 9 – amended and agreed to
Paragraphs 5.9 to 5.12 – agreed to
Recommendation 10 – agreed to
Paragraphs 5.13 to 5.15 – agreed to
Recommendation 11 – agreed to
Paragraphs 6.1 to 6.9 – agreed to
Paragraph 6.10 – amended and agreed to
Paragraph 6.11 – agreed to
Recommendations 12 and 13 – agreed to
Paragraphs 6.12 to 6.16 – agreed to
Recommendation 14 – amended and agreed to
Paragraph 6.17 – agreed to
Recommendation 15 – agreed to
Chapter 7 – agreed to
Appendices A to E – agreed to
Title of the report – agreed to.

4.4. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to adopt the report, as amended.

4.5. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] 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.

4.6. Noting that the order of the Assembly requires the inquiry to be concluded by 20 February 2026, the Committee agreed to circulate the report through the Speaker when the Assembly is not sitting on 19 February 2026.

4.7. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided by the afternoon of 19 February 2026 and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.

4.8. The Committee noted that the Chair must table the report in the Assembly on the next sitting day, which occurs on 24 February 2026.

4.9. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.

4.10. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.

4.11. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to adopt the media release.

12. Close

12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.37 pm.

All minutes are signed by the Chair, except for the last which is certified correct by the secretary.

[CERTIFIED CORRECT]

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Ms Kathleen de Kleuver
Committee Secretary
19 February 2026