



# Matters of public importance

A summary of proceedings in the ACT Legislative Assembly during the sitting week 16 to 18 September 2025

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## Government business



### Bills debated: 1

- **Appropriation Bill 2025-2026** cognate debate with the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2025-2026 (debated on 16, 17, and 18 September)

All bills presented to the Assembly can be accessed at [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au) and a brief summary of each bill can be found in the [Summary of Bills](#) on the Assembly website once finalised

The full text of debate on bills can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)



### Motions debated: 1

- **Extremist political ideologies and belief systems in the ACT** moved by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs (*debated, amended and agreed to on 17 September*)

The full text of statements can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)

## Private members' business



### Bills debated: 1

- **Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Bill 2025** (*debated, amended and passed on 17 September*)

### Motions debated: 5



#### On Tuesday

- **Integrated public transport network for Canberra's south** moved by Ms Carrick (*debated, amended and agreed to*)
- **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions** moved by Mr Hanson (*debated, amended and agreed to*)



#### On Wednesday

- **Illicit tobacco and vaping products trade** moved by Ms Castley (*debated, amended and agreed to*)



## On Thursday

- **ACT credit rating** moved by Mr Cocks (*debated, amended and agreed to*)
- **Support for event organisers** moved by Mr Werner-Gibbings (*debated and agreed to*)

The full text of debate on these items is available on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised and can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site. The terms of the motions, and any amendments moved to those motions, can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#)

## Assembly business



### Motions debated: 2

- **Proposed disallowance**— to the Public Unleased Land (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 2) moved by Mr Emerson (*debated and negated on 18 September*)
- **Request to vary order to table**—in relation to early childhood education and care incident records (*debated and agreed to on 18 September*)

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## Members' 90 second statements made



### On Tuesday: 1

- Crime in Belconnen (Mr Cain)



### On Wednesday: 6

- Intrepid Landcare (Miss Nuttall)
- Sri Chinmoy Oneness Home Peace Run 2025 (Mr Cain)
- Fairy wrens (Ms Berry)
- Student performance (Mr Werner-Gibbings)
- Qantas closure of Canberra crew base (Mr Cocks)
- ReLove fundraiser (Ms Tough)



### On Thursday: 1

- Hawker Tennis Centre (Mr Cain)

The full text of the statements can be read on the [Hansard](#) site, and the speeches can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site

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## Petitions and petition responses presented



### Petitions presented: 6

- **Habitat development in urban Canberra** lodged by Mr Braddock (18 September)  
*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 18 September*
- **Install traffic lights and bus stops on Cotter Road at Amberfield Village** lodged by Ms Carrick (16 September)  
*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 16 September*
- **Overpass on Canberra Avenue** lodged by Mr Emerson (17 September)  
*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 17 September*
- **Reimagining Wakefield Gardens** lodged by Mr Emerson (16 September)  
*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 16 September*
- **Safer streets in Charnwood** lodged by Ms Clay (16 September)
- **Virtual fencing trial in Canberra** lodged by Ms Clay (17 September)  
*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 17 September*

### Petition responses from ministers presented: 2

- **Point Hut Dog Exercise Area** from the Minister for City and Government Services (16 September)
- **Registration of left-hand drive vehicles of any age** from the Minister for City and Government Services (16 September)

A copy of the terms of each petition can be found on the [Assembly website](#)



### Papers presented

Papers were presented by the Speaker, Clerk and ministers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, including the following papers of interest:

ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan—

2025-2030, dated September 2025

2025-2030—Implementation Plan, dated September 2025

Big Splash—Assembly resolution of 13 May 2025—Government response, dated September 2025

Copy of disputed returned documents—Decision of the Independent Legal Arbitrator—

ACT Government projects—Business cases—Order to table—Assembly resolution of 24 June 2025—Redacted returned documents (ten folders)

Road infrastructure projects—Business cases—Order to table—Assembly resolution of 24 June 2025—Redacted returned documents (two folders)

Details of papers presented can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#) and the majority of papers are available from the [Assembly website](#) in due course

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## Committee business



### Committee reports presented: 4

- Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders—Standing Committee  
[Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly](#) (presented 16 September)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee  
[Inquiry into the Civil Law \(Wrongs\) \(Organisational Child Abuse Liability\) Amendment Bill 2025](#) (presented 16 September)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)  
[Scrutiny Report 9](#) (presented 16 September)
- Proposed Amendment to the Appropriation Bill 2025-2026—Select Committee  
[Inquiry into the proposed amendment to the Appropriation Bill 2025-2026](#) (presented 16 September)

Further information on committee business can be found on the [Assembly website](#)

## Members

### Electorate of Brindabella

- Ms Deborah Morris (Canberra Liberals)
- Miss Laura Nuttall (ACT Greens)
- Mr Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Caitlin Tough (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings (Australian Labor Party)

### Electorate of Ginninderra

- Ms Yvette Berry (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Peter Cain (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Tara Cheyne (Australian Labor Party)
- Ms Jo Clay (ACT Greens)
- Ms Chiaka Barry (Canberra Liberals)

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## **Electorate of Kurrajong**

- Mr Andrew Barr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Thomas Emerson (Independents for Canberra)
- Ms Elizabeth Lee (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr Shane Rattenbury (ACT Greens)
- Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith (Australian Labor Party)

## **Electorate of Murrumbidgee**

- Ms Fiona Carrick (Fiona Carrick Independents)
- Mr Ed Cocks (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC (Canberra Liberals)
- Dr Marisa Paterson (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Chris Steel (Australian Labor Party)

## **Electorate of Yerrabi**

- Mr Andrew Braddock (ACT Greens)
- Ms Leanne Castley (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr James Milligan (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Suzanne Orr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Michael Pettersson (Australian Labor Party)

The Assembly will meet again on Tuesday, 23 September 2025