



Extract of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into E-Petition 007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 020* – Tuesday, 27 May 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA. Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02pm.

5. Petitions

- 5.1. The Committee noted that Petition E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School was tabled in the Assembly on 6 May 2025 and referred to the Committee under Standing Order 99A.
- 5.2. The Committee noted that Standing Order 99B provides that the Committee must advise the Speaker of its decision to inquire or not within 28 days of the Minister's response to the petition being tabled in the Assembly, and that the Minister's response is due by 6 August 2025.
- 5.3. The Committee noted that Petition E-Pet-013-25 and PET-015-25: Air conditioning for Canberra High School was tabled in the Assembly on 14 May 2025 and referred to the Committee under Standing Order 99A.
- 5.4. The Committee noted that Standing Order 99B provides that the Committee must advise the Speaker of its decision to inquire or not within 28 days of the Minister's response to the petition being tabled in the Assembly, and that the Minister's response is due by 14 August 2025.

9. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 2.24 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 025* – Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.01 pm.

6. Petitions

- 6.1. The Committee noted that petition E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School was tabled in the Assembly on 6 May 2025 and referred to the Committee under Standing Order 99A.
- 6.2. The Committee noted the Government response to E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School, circulated on 24 July 2025.
- 6.3. The Committee resolved [EMERSON] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, write to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the petition.
- 6.4. The Committee resolved [EMERSON] that the Committee's decision be published on the Committee's website.
- 6.5. The Committee resolved [EMERSON] that the inquiry submission period close on 12 September 2025, and that a public hearing would be tentatively scheduled during the week of 3–7 November 2025.
- 6.6. The Committee requested that the secretariat draft a media release for consideration at the next meeting.

11. Close

- 11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.40 pm
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 026* – Tuesday, 19 August 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.03 pm.

4. Inquiry into E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 4.1. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] to approve the letter inviting the Minister for Education and Early Childhood to make a submission to the inquiry.
- 4.2. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, 4 November 2025.

- 4.3. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to endorse the media release.
- 4.4. The Committee considered the list of stakeholders provided by the secretariat, and suggested additions.

10. Close

- 10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.34 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 027* – Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04 pm.

12. Inquiry into E-Petition 007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 12.1. The Committee noted correspondence received from the ACT Principal's Association regarding the invitation to make a submission to the inquiry.
- 12.2. The Committee noted that a public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, 4 November 2025, 1.00–5.00 pm, and that the office of the Minister for Education and Early Childhood has confirmed the Minister is available to appear from 4.00 pm–5.00 pm.

16. Close

- 16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.24 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 030* – Wednesday, 14 October 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02 pm.

6. Inquiry into E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 6.1. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] to receive and publish the following submissions:
 - 6.1.1. Submission 1: Theo Knott
 - 6.1.2. Submission 2: Badminton ACT
 - 6.1.3. Submission 3: Mary Rahman

- 6.1.4. Submission 4: Grace Foulds
- 6.1.5. Submission 5: ACT Parents
- 6.1.6. Submission 6: Jaimee Bell
- 6.1.7. Submission 9: ACT Government
- 6.1.8. Submission 11: Basketball ACT.
- 6.2. The Committee resolved to receive and publish the following submissions with redactions:
 - 6.2.1. Submission 8: LHS Parents and Citizens Association
 - 6.2.2. Submission 10: Rob Emanuel.
- 6.3. The Committee deliberated the public hearing schedule for the public hearing on 4 November 2025.
- 6.4. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, write to the Minister for Education and Early Childhood inviting her to appear at the public hearing on 4 November 2025 at 4.00pm for 60-minutes.
- 6.5. The Committee **endorsed** [TOUGH] the public hearing schedule as amended.
- 6.6. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] that the secretariat be authorised to adjust the timing within the schedule to accommodate witness availability
- 6.7. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] that the Committee invite witnesses to make an opening statement at the public hearing addressing items not raised in their submission.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.05 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 032* – Tuesday, 4 November 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 1.03 pm

12. Public hearing – Inquiry into E-Petition 007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 12.1. The following witness came to the table and was examined:
 - Mr José Robertson, President, Lyneham High School Parents & Citizens Committee.
- 12.2. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

12.3. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Mr Rob Emanuel.

12.4. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

12.5. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Ms Nicole Bowles, CEO Basketball ACT.

12.6. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

12.7. The following witness came to the table and was examined.

- Mr Shasta Bignell.

12.8. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

12.9. The Committee took a break between 3.40 pm – 4.00 pm.

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

- Ms Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Education and Early Childhood
- Education Directorate officials:
 - Ms Jo Wood, Director-General
 - Ms Vanessa Attridge, Executive Group Manager, Finance and Infrastructure
 - Mr Michael Crowther, A/g Executive Group Manager, System Policy and Reform
 - Mr John Nakkan, Executive Branch Manager, Asset Management and Delivery.

12.11. Evidence completed, witnesses withdrew.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5.10 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 040* – Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.33 pm.

6. Inquiry into E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

6.1. The Committee agreed to the following timeframe for providing and considering proposed recommendations for the Chair's draft report:

6.1.1. COB 8 December 2025 – proposed recommendations to the secretariat

- 6.1.2. 27 January 2026 – Discuss proposed recommendations
- 6.1.3. 10 February 2026 – 1st consideration
- 6.1.4. 17 February 2026 – 2nd consideration (if required)
- 6.1.5. Table by 26 February 2026.

11. Close

- 11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.00 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 042* – Friday, 5 December 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair)

1. Commencement

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

5. Inquiry into E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 5.1. The Committee agreed to review Miss Nuttall's recommendations and provide proposed recommendations to the secretariat by close of business 8 December 2025.

15. Close

- 15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.38am.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 043* – Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04 pm.

7. Inquiry into E-Pet-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School

- 7.1. The Committee discussed the proposed recommendations provided by Members.
- 7.2. The Committee noted the following timeline for preparation and tabling of the report:
 - 27 January 2026 – consider draft recommendations
 - 10 February 2026 – 1st report consideration
 - 17 February – 2nd report consideration (if required)
 - Table by 26 February 2026.

15. Close

- 15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.19pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 044* – Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02 pm.

6. Inquiry into E-PET-007-25: Build a new gym for Lyneham High School – report consideration

- 6.1. The Committee noted that the Chair's draft report was circulated on 3 February 2026.
- 6.2. The Committee noted Ms Tough's email dated 10 February 2026, advising of her acceptance of the report as circulated and comfort with the report being considered in her absence.
- 6.3. No member submitted an alternative draft report.
- 6.4. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.
- 6.5. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Pages i to v – agreed to
Pages vii to viii – agreed to
Paragraphs 1.1 to 1.10 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.17 – agreed to
Finding 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.18 to 2.28 – agreed to
Finding 2 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.29 – agreed to
Recommendation 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.30 to 2.45 – agreed to
Recommendation 2 – agreed to
Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.11 – agreed to
Finding 3 – agreed to
Finding 4 – agreed to
Recommendation 3 – agreed to
Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.2 – agreed to
Appendices A to D – agreed to

- 6.6. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] to adopt the report.

- 6.7. The Committee **resolved** [NUTTALL] 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.
- 6.8. The Committee agreed that the Chair would table the report out of session on 12 February 2026.
- 6.9. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided at least a day before tabling and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.
- 6.10. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 6.11. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 6.12. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to adopt the media release.

14. Close

- 14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.08 pm.
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All minutes are signed by the Chair.



Ms Katie Langham
Committee Secretary
17 February 2026