



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2020–2021–2022–2023

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 81

TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023

- 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 Ngunnaawalbun 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 **EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 8—
INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2021-2022—REPORT NOTED**

Mr Pettersson (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Education and Community Inclusion—Standing Committee—Report 8—*Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022*, dated 4 April 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

- 3 **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 9—
INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2021-22—REPORT NOTED**

Mr Davis (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Health and Community Wellbeing—Standing Committee—Report 9—*Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-22*, dated 4 April 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

4 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSE—PETITIONS AND RESPONSE NOTED

Petitions

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

Mr Pettersson, from 660 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to provide improved resources to ACT Policing in Gungahlin through improved office space and facilities, increased police numbers and staffing and a commitment to meet future demands of the community (e-Pet 006-23).

Pursuant to standing order 99A, this petition stands referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety.

Mr Pettersson, from 158 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to investigate and implement suitable traffic measures including traffic lights, slip lanes, and roundabouts to improve safety and accessibility for the Grove Retirement Village residents, staff and visitors (e-Pet 007-23).

Ms Lawder, from 254 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to conduct an independent review into the management of the ACT's current kangaroo population and immediately halt the current culling program until this review is conducted and a report made available to the Assembly (e-Pet 010-23).

Ministerial response

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

Ms Berry (Minister for Sport and Recreation), dated 20 April 2023—Response to petition No 034-22, lodged by Mr Davis on 7 February 2023, concerning the redevelopment of Tuggeranong skatepark.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Pettersson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Petition which does not conform with the standing orders—The Grove Retirement Village—Traffic management improvement—Mr Pettersson (175 signatures).

Question—put and passed.

5 CHARTER FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES INVOLVED WITH A.C.T. CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES—MAY 2023—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—PAPER NOTED

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Families and Community Services) made a ministerial statement concerning the new Charter for Parents and Families involved with ACT child protection services which is a priority under *Next Steps for Our Kids 2022-2023*, the ACT's strategy for strengthening families and keeping children and young people safe, and presented the following papers:

Charter for Parents and Families involved with ACT child protection services—May 2023—Charter, dated May 2023.

Charter (short version), dated May 2023.

Ministerial statement, 9 May 2023.

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

Question—put and passed.

6 BETTER REGULATION AGENDA UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Cheyne (Minister for Business and Better Regulation) made a ministerial statement to provide the Assembly with an update on the implementation of the Better Regulation Agenda and presented the following paper:

Better Regulation Agenda Update—Ministerial statement, 9 May 2023.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 DHULWA—PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEEGAN REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED

Ms Davidson (Minister for Mental Health) made a ministerial statement concerning the implementation progress of the recommendations set out in the final report of the inquiry into the Legislative, Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks at Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit (the Deegan Report) and presented the following papers:

Dhulwa—Progress with implementing the recommendations of the Deegan report—Ministerial statement, 9 May 2023.

Report from the initial meeting of the Dhulwa Independent Oversight Board held 19 April 2023, dated 9 May 2023.

Ms Davidson moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Question—put and passed.

8 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 28—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mr Cain (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 28, dated 3 May 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

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

9 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 8—REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF MS VASSAROTTI MLA—REPORT ADOPTED

Ms Burch (Chair) presented the following report:

Administration and Procedure—Standing Committee—Report 8—*Report on the Conduct of Ms Vassarotti MLA*, dated 9 May 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

Ms Lawder, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Vassarotti (Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services), in accordance with Recommendation 2 of the Report, made an apology to the Assembly.

10 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 10—INQUIRY INTO ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE IN THE A.C.T.—REPORT NOTED

Mr Davis (Chair) presented the following report:

Health and Community Wellbeing—Standing Committee—Report 10—*Inquiry into Abortion and Reproductive Choice in the ACT*, dated 18 April 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Paper: Mr Davis, by leave, presented the following paper:

Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT—Copy of letter to the National Chief Executive Officer of Calvary Hospital from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing, dated 8 May 2023.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

11 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 16—INQUIRY INTO DANGEROUS DRIVING—REPORT NOTED

Mr Cain (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee—Report 16—*Inquiry into Dangerous Driving*, dated 20 April 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

12 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 17—INQUIRY INTO GRANTS MANAGEMENT—REPORT NOTED

Mrs Kikkert (Chair) presented the following report:

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 17—*Inquiry into grants management*, dated 26 April 2023, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

13 ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—PETITION 012-22—WASTE-TO-ENERGY INCINERATOR—A.C.T. BORDER—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Dr Paterson (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity had considered Petition 012-22 concerning the NSW Government proposal for priority waste-to-energy incinerator site near the ACT border that was referred to the Committee on 2 August 2022, including the Government response to the petition, and resolved not to inquire further into matters raised in Petition 012-22.

14 JUSTICE (AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023

Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about the age of criminal responsibility, and for other purposes.

Paper: Mr Rattenbury presented the following paper:

Explanatory statement to the Bill, incorporating a compatibility statement, pursuant to section 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Rattenbury moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hanson) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 SEXUAL ASSAULT REFORM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

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.

Paper: Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General) presented a revised explanatory statement to the Bill.

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.

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

17 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE NOS 1127, 1129 AND 1131—ANSWERS—EXPLANATION

Ms Castley, pursuant to standing order 118A, asked Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health) for an explanation concerning the answers to questions on notice Nos 1127, 1129 and 1131.

Ms Stephen-Smith gave an explanation.

18 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE NOS 1098 AND 1108—ANSWERS—EXPLANATION

Mrs Kikkert, pursuant to standing order 118A, asked Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General) for an explanation concerning the answers to questions on notice Nos 1098 and 1108.

Mr Rattenbury gave an explanation.

19 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Bills referred to Committees, pursuant to resolution of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended—Correspondence—

Bill—Inquiry—Modern Slavery Legislation Amendment Bill 2023—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, dated 5 April 2023.

Bills—Not inquired into—

Human Rights Commission Amendment Bill 2023—Copy of letter to the Acting Speaker from the Chair, Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing, dated 17 April 2023.

Unit Titles Legislation Amendment Bill 2023—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the Chair, Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services, dated 6 April 2023.

Variation in Sex Characteristics (Restricted Medical Treatment) Bill 2023—Copy of letter to the Acting Speaker from the Chair, Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing, dated 17 April 2023.

Water Resources Amendment Bill 2023—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the Chair, Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity, dated 18 April 2023.

Education and Community Inclusion—Standing Committee—Report 7—*Inquiry into access to services and information in Auslan*—Speaker's response to recommendation 8, dated 4 May 2023.

Privileges 2022—Select Committee—Report—*Imposition of a prohibition notice by WorkSafe ACT*—Speaker's response to recommendations 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10, dated 4 May 2023.

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 12—*Inquiry into the Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022*—Speaker's response to recommendation 4, dated 4 May 2023.

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 13—*Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022*—Speaker's response to recommendations 1 and 2, dated 4 May 2023.

Standing order 191—Amendments to:

Background Checking Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, dated 5 and 6 April 2023.

Discrimination Amendment Bill 2022, dated 4 and 6 April 2023.

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (No 2), dated 5 and 6 April 2023.

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Amendment Bill 2022, dated 5 and 6 April 2023.

Professional Engineers Bill 2022, dated 5 and 6 April 2023.

Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, dated 4 and 6 April 2023.

Urban Forest Bill 2022, dated 5 and 6 April 2023.

20 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act, pursuant to section 13—Annual Report—2022—Canberra Institute of Technology, dated March 2023.

Our Booris, Our Way Review—

Six monthly implementation update and Out of Home Care Snapshot Report 1 July 2017 – 31 December 2022—Government response, dated 2023.

Six-monthly Update (July – December 2022), dated May 2023.

Out of Home Care Snapshot Report—A presentation of data covering 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2022.

Planning and Development Act, pursuant to subsection 79(1)—Approvals of Variations to the Territory Plan together with associated documents—

No 383—Kamberra Winery Estate Lyneham Section 69 Block 8 and Section 71 Blocks 18, 25, 27 and 28—Zone Changes and Amendments to the Lyneham Precinct Map and Code, dated 8 May 2023.

No 384—Federal Golf Course Red Hill Section 56 parts of block 1 and Garran Section 10 part of block 76, dated 8 May 2023.

Planning, Transport and City Services—Standing Committee—Report 12—*Inquiry into the Planning Bill 2022*—Government response, dated May 2023.

Subordinate legislation (including explanatory statements unless otherwise stated)

Legislation Act, pursuant to section 64—

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act—Board of Senior Secondary Studies Appointment 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-36 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Building Act—

Building (ACT Appendix to the Building Code) Determination 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-67 (LR, 28 April 2023).

Building (General) Regulation 2008—Building (General) (Alternative requirements for unaltered parts) Determination 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-69 (LR, 28 April 2023).

Building Act, Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act, Unit Titles Act and the Water and Sewerage Act—Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2023-7 (LR, 28 April 2023).

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act—City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Agency Board Member) Appointment 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-30 (LR, 27 March 2023).

Cultural Facilities Corporation Act and Financial Management Act—Cultural Facilities Corporation (Governing Board) Appointment 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-35 (LR, 13 April 2023).

Electoral Act—Electoral Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2023-6 (LR, 1 May 2023).

Financial Management Act—Financial Management (Transfer of Funds from Capital Injection to Other Appropriations) Direction 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-59 (LR, 8 May 2023).

Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act—Health Records (Privacy and Access) (Fees) Determination 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-31 (LR, 27 March 2023).

Heritage Act—

Heritage (Council Chairperson) Appointment 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-37 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Deputy Chairperson) Appointment 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-38 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-39 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-40 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-41 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-42 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 5)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-43 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 6)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-44 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 7)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-45 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 8)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-46 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2023 (No 9)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-47 (LR, 17 April 2023).

Land Tax Act—

Land Tax (Affordable Community Housing) Determination 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-34 (LR, 30 March 2023).

Land Tax (Affordable Community Housing) Determination 2023 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-48 (LR, 20 April 2023).

Legal Profession Act—Legal Profession (Bar Council Fees) Determination 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-65 (LR, 28 April 2023).

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act—Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2023-5 (LR, 6 April 2023).

Residential Tenancies Act—Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2023-4 (LR, 29 March 2023).

Road Transport (General) Act—

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Manuka Oval) Declaration 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-49 (LR, 20 April 2023).

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation Declaration 2023 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-53 (LR, 27 April 2023).

Taxation Administration Act—

Taxation Administration (Amounts Payable—Motor Vehicle Duty) Determination 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-33 (LR, 30 March 2023).

Taxation Administration (Amounts Payable—Utilities (Network Facilities Tax)) Determination 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-32 (LR, 30 March 2023).

Utilities Act—

Utilities (Licensing) Exemption 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-50 (LR, 20 April 2023).

Utilities (Licensing) Exemption 2023 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-51 (LR, 20 April 2023).

Veterinary Practice Act—Veterinary Practice (Fees) Determination 2023 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-52 (LR, 24 April 2023).

Water and Sewerage Act—Water and Sewerage (ACT Appendix to the Plumbing Code) Determination 2023—Disallowable Instrument DI2023-68 (LR, 28 April 2023).

21 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 12—INQUIRY INTO THE PLANNING BILL 2022—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER NOTED

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to standing order 211, moved—That the Assembly take note of the following paper:

Planning, Transport and City Services—Standing Committee—Report 12—*Inquiry into the Planning Bill 2022*—Government response.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE A.C.T. HEALTH SYSTEM—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT

Mr Hanson, pursuant to notice, moved—That:

(1) this Assembly notes that:

- (a) ACT Health has been experiencing significant deterioration in performance in areas such as waiting times, bed numbers, governance, culture, staffing, infrastructure, and funding;
- (b) former Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, and treasury official, Khalid Ahmed, have identified a 150-hospital bed shortfall across ACT Health;
- (c) less than 50 percent of Emergency Department patients are seen within clinically recommended wait times in the ACT, with only 36 percent of urgent patients being seen on time; the worse performing jurisdiction in the country;
- (d) the Australian Medical Association (AMA) has stated elective surgery patients are waiting up to several years on hidden waiting lists to see specialists in hospital outpatient clinics;
- (e) in response to its latest report card on ACT public hospitals, the President of the ACT AMA stated “Another annual reminder of the suboptimal public hospital performance is not only disappointing to consumers in the Australian Capital Territory, it defies the efforts of healthcare providers in the ACT public hospitals who work tirelessly and often against a healthcare system that is geared to generate these less-than-ideal results year-on-year.”;

- (f) more than 6,000 patients are overdue for an endoscopy, waiting an average of 400 days across all triage categories despite the Government being warned in 2009 that the number of suites needed to double;
 - (g) five private cardiologists stated that “the parlous state of cardiology services at the Canberra Hospital is in large part the result of poor managerial decisions made by senior members of the ACT Health Directorate.”;
 - (h) a review into the intensive care unit found “there was a lack of response or support from management to staff concerns” and “a negative workplace environment.”;
 - (i) the Fetal Medicine Unit lost its training accreditation on 31 August 2022; staff have since reduced their hours or left the unit;
 - (j) a 2022 review into Dhulwa identified significant dysfunction, including substandard care and a toxic workplace;
 - (k) it was revealed in 2023 that private patient medical records were being sent to a union, with Dave Peffer saying patients have been let down due to the “serious breach” in the privacy of patients, concluding “trust was on the line and we’ve let these patients down.”;
 - (l) the 2021 workplace culture survey revealed that 23 percent of nurses and medical officers experienced bullying in the workplace over the last 12 months, and one in eight nurses and one in four medical officers wanted to leave Canberra Health Services in two years;
 - (m) a survey by the Medical Board of Australia into junior doctor training in the ACT found that 29 percent experienced bullying, harassment and/or racism;
 - (n) Canberrans have the most expensive cost to visit a general practitioner in the country, yet the ACT Government is adding payroll taxes to their costs that will worsen the problem;
 - (o) *The Canberra Times* editorial in 2023 noted that “there are systemic failures across the ACT health system on a depressingly regular basis.”;
 - (p) between 2015-16 and 2018-19 the Labor-Greens Government cut real health expenditure per person by 3.6 percent;
 - (q) repeated questions and freedom of information requests on these and other health issues have been blocked, dismissed, or avoided by the Government;
 - (r) the AMA have backed the call for an inquiry, with the head of the ACT Division saying the Territory’s system was at a “crisis point” and an independent inquiry could provide solutions; and
 - (s) *The Canberra Times* have stated the Government should consider an independent inquiry and “the idea has merit”;
- (2) this Assembly calls on the Chief Minister to establish a Royal Commission under the *Royal Commissions Act 1991* to investigate the failures, current needs, and future requirements of the ACT health system;
 - (3) the Royal Commission terms of reference include, but not be limited to, the consideration of:
 - (a) staffing shortages;

- (b) cultural problems;
 - (c) poor results across key performance indicators;
 - (d) waiting times;
 - (e) management and outcomes in the mental health system;
 - (f) governance issues;
 - (g) infrastructure requirements; and
 - (h) funding shortfalls and priorities; and
- (4) the Royal Commission be established by 1 July 2023 and report by the end of 2024.
- Debate ensued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8

Mr Cain
Ms Castley
Mr Cocks
Mr Hanson
Mrs Kikkert
Ms Lawder
Mr Milligan
Mr Parton

NOES, 15

Ms Berry
Mr Braddock
Ms Burch
Ms Cheyne
Ms Clay
Ms Davidson
Mr Davis
Mr Gentleman
Ms Orr
Dr Paterson
Mr Pettersson
Mr Rattenbury
Mr Steel
Ms Stephen-Smith
Ms Vassarotti

And so it was negatived.

23 C40 GREEN AND HEALTHY STREETS ACCELERATOR INITIATIVE

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

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the ACT Government has an ambitious strategy to address climate change and is committed to net zero emissions by 2045;
 - (b) Canberra has become the eighth major city in the world, and the first outside of Europe, to transition to 100 percent renewable electricity in 2020;
 - (c) the ACT Government is committed to reducing the number of polluting vehicles on our streets and transitioning to zero emission vehicles, as per the plan outlined in the *ACT's Zero Emissions Vehicles Strategy 2022-30*;
 - (d) the ACT Government is leading the way with this transition by committing to achieving a zero emission public transport system by 2040, as per the *Zero-Emission Transition Plan for Transport Canberra*;
 - (e) over 20 percent of public transport trips are already powered by 100 percent renewable electricity, with the introduction of light rail and 12 new battery electric buses in the Transport Canberra bus fleet;
 - (f) the ACT Government is working towards achieving a zero emission public transport system by procuring an additional 90 battery electric buses, undertaking critical electrical infrastructure works to providing the depots with the energy required to charge up to 300 buses, and extending the light rail network to Woden;

- (g) the ACT Government is committed to increasing walking and riding in Canberra and transforming our city through people-friendly planning policies. The new draft Active Travel Plan will make walking and riding safer, more accessible, convenient, and enjoyable, and the accompanying Design Guide will ensure our intersections and streets are designed to support all forms of transport; and
 - (h) the ACT Government has committed to growing Canberra's urban forest and achieving an ambitious target of 30 percent tree canopy cover or equivalent by 2045 by implementing the Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2045, planting 54,000 new trees by 2024, and passing the Urban Forest Bill 2022 to protect Canberra's trees;
- (2) further notes:
- (a) C40 Cities launched the Green and Healthy Streets Accelerator in 2017 where signatories pledged to procure only zero emission buses from 2025 and ensure a major area of their city is zero emission by 2030;
 - (b) signatory cities of the C40 Green and Healthy Streets Accelerator are committed to transforming their cities into greener, healthier, and more prosperous places to live, with a focus on increasing the rates of walking and cycling and the use of public and shared transport that is accessible to all citizens; and
 - (c) signatory cities of the C40 Green and Healthy Streets Accelerator make a commitment to report on their progress to achieve these outcomes every two years; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to sign the C40 Green and Healthy Streets declaration for the City of Canberra.

Debate ensued.

Mr Parton moved the following amendment: Add new paragraph (3)(b):

- “(b) calls upon the ACT Government to rule out a petrol-powered car ban in any specific section of the city over the next decade.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8

Mr Cain
Ms Castley
Mr Cocks
Mr Hanson
Mrs Kikkert
Ms Lawder
Mr Milligan
Mr Parton

NOES, 15

Mr Barr
Mr Braddock
Ms Burch
Ms Cheyne
Ms Clay
Ms Davidson
Mr Davis
Mr Gentleman
Ms Orr
Dr Paterson
Mr Pettersson
Mr Rattenbury
Mr Steel
Ms Stephen-Smith
Ms Vassarotti

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

24 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 6.09 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

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

*on leave.

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly