



**NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
***of* AUSTRALIA**

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*Member for Fong Lim*

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**HANSARD EXTRACT**

**LCAC VAD SECOND INTERIM REPORT**

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We got council to start focusing on its job, but there was still this question about whether the NT Government or council was supposed to do the work. This government is now working in collaboration with council and they are both working out the responsibilities of who should do it. This is a great thing.

Boulter Road was moved into the Sanderson electorate. I have to give full credit to the Member for Sanderson who has picked up on the same advocacy that I was doing. We all know the people. We have walked to see people like Linda Lay and all those who head up that residents' activist group. We are there all the time talking to them. It is only this government, along with the council, that is delivering anything because the previous Labor government neglected and ignored the residents. It does not matter what you say here, I was there. I have walked it. I have been with the people.

Let me say here and now—I hope the people from Boulter Road are listening to this—if you heard the speech by the Member for Daly, you have been ignored again. He wants to talk about everything else apart from Boulter Road. We listened to you about your petition. You went to the effort of coming to us and asking for something to happen. It is only this government, through the Member for Sanderson with support from me and the minister, who has got behind this and we are making improvements. A lot more has to be done.

We do not want to make the same mistakes that were done in the past. We need to get the strategies right. When subdivisions are done there is also a responsibility on the developers to make sure that they provide the necessary footpaths, street lighting and so on which have been missing.

I commend the petition.

Motion agreed to; petition noted.

#### **PAPER TABLED**

#### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee – Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory Second Interim Report**

**Dr RAHMAN (Chair of Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee)(by leave):** Madam Speaker, I table the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee report, Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory Second Interim Report, and associated minutes of proceedings.

Voluntary assisted dying (VAD) is a difficult, sensitive and challenging subject to discuss for many people, including Indigenous Australians. It was with some trepidation, therefore, that the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee embarked on a consultation tour across the Northern Territory in August 2025 to gather views, particularly in remote areas, on the possible introduction of VAD legislation in this jurisdiction.

I am pleased to report that over the last month our efforts to learn from and share information with Territorians have been undoubtedly fruitful and successful. Hundreds of witnesses took the time to express their views and provide detailed testimony. Oral evidence in tandem with the hundreds more written submissions we have received will help to inform our forthcoming final report which will substantively deal with the evaluation of VAD models with safeguards, challenges and potential delivery in the Northern Territory.

In the intervening period I am proud to present this second interim report on VAD in the Northern Territory to the Legislative Assembly and the public at large as testament to the excellent data collection undertaken by LCAC pursuant to the VAD inquiry terms of reference. In doing so, I express my sincere gratitude to my fellow committee members and the committee secretariat for their collegiality, cooperation and commitment to conducting this inquiry with rigour. Moreover, I thank the many hundreds of Territorians across dozens of locations who have contributed to this process to date. It has been a privilege to hear from all of them.

We trust that the report we have tabled will be of continued assistance to interested parties and we look forward to tendering subsequent work in due course.

I move that the report be noted.

Motion agreed to; report noted.

#### **MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE Funding for Better and Fairer Schools Agreement**

**Madam SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have received correspondence from the Member for Arnhem as follows: