

**Petition**

Registration No.	54
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Referred to	MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (G McCarthy)
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Response presented	21 November 2011

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH the difficulties public bus patrons have attempting to catch the 300/301 bus from the Alice Springs Hospital to the southern areas of Alice Springs, including the Old Timers Nursing Home and Village. This journey involves catching a bus from the Alice Springs Hospital to the Interchange and then waiting at the interchange for a connecting service. This wait can be between 1 and 2 hours and is particularly arduous and uncomfortable for the many elderly bus users. In the case of the last bus from the hospital, there is no connecting service at all to areas south of the Gap.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT the Northern Territory Government immediately reinstates the previous bus route, which travelled directly down Gap Road from the Alice Springs Hospital in a southerly direction, with no stop at the Interchange.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, AS IN DUTY BOUND WILL EVER PRAY

**Response**

The Petition expresses the concerns for public bus patrons using route 300/301 from the Alice Springs Hospital to the southern areas of Alice Springs, including the Old Timers Village.

I am pleased to advise that the Northern Territory Government has, in consultation with the service provider and local community representatives, reviewed route 300/301 and made changes which allow the bus to service the hospital on both the inbound and outbound journeys.

These changes will mean that passengers will no longer need to wait at the interchange for a connecting service when travelling to and from the hospital and the southern area of Alice Springs, including the Old Timers Village. This change was effective as of 24 September 2011.

The Department of Lands and Planning has also implemented an additional route 300/ 301 service at 11.45 am for commuters travelling during the midday period. This change was effective as of 31 October 2011.