



Petition

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Title	Re-open public amenities at the Darwin River Dam
Presented on	13 October 2022
Presented by	Member for Daly
Referred to	Minister for Essential Services and Public Accounts Committee
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
Date referred	14 October 2022
Response due	23 March 2023
Response received	3 January 2023
Response presented	14 February 2023

Petition

To the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH

We the undersigned support the re-opening of the public amenities at the Darwin River Dam.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory recommends that the public amenities at the Darwin River Dam are re-opened for use by the residents of the Northern Territory and visitors.

Response

About 85 per cent of the greater Darwin region's drinking water is sourced from Darwin River Dam.

Power and Water restricted public access to the Dam in 2016 to mitigate significant risks to this critical drinking water supply and to the safety of the community.

Risks include public safety, including dangerous wildlife and chemical storage facilities; deliberate acts of vandalism and attack; the vulnerability of the Darwin region's water supply chain; and risks to drinking water quality.

There are no plans to reopen Darwin River Dam to the public.

Power and Water provides access to Darwin River Dam through supervised school groups, in support of education about the water cycle and using water wisely.

Recently, more than 1000 people attended a community open day hosted by Power and Water on 28 August 2022 to celebrate 50 years of operations.