



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Petition**

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| Title:              | Changes of Direction at Araluen Galleries |
| Presented on:       | 21 October 2009                           |
| Presented by:       | Ms Jodeen Carney                          |
| Referred to:        | Arts (GMcCarthy)                          |
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**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**RE: CHANGES OF DIRECTION AT ARALUEN GALLERIES**

We, the undersigned, respectfully call upon the Northern Territory Government to return Araluen Galleries to a place with dedicated community involvement in its planning decisions by establishing a Board of Management made up of community representatives.

We also respectfully call upon the Government to return Araluen Gallery 3 to an exhibition facility open to all community groups in the region.

## Response

Recent policy decisions in regards to the Araluen Art Centre and its galleries are integral to the Northern Territory Government's *Moving Alice Ahead* initiative, which aims to make Alice Springs a better place to live, work and raise a family, while building a strong, safe and secure future for Alice Springs.

Community involvement in the planning and decision making processes across the Araluen Cultural Precinct is currently in place in the form of a number of committees, the Museums and Art Galleries Board of the Northern Territory and the Strehlow Research Centre Board.

Further consideration of the issues raised in the petition will be considered in relation to the community consultation process associated with the draft *Araluen Cultural Precinct Development Plan 2009 – 2015*.