

**Petition**

Registration No.	55
Title	BAN SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE NT
Presented on	19 OCTOBER 2011
Presented by	MEMBER FOR BRAITLING (GILES)
Referred to	MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Lawrie)
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PETITION: BAN THE SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE N.T.

We, the undersigned, call on the Northern Territory government to ban the sale of fireworks and their use by the general public.

People of the Northern Territory want to continue to enjoy their celebratory fireworks, with controlled public displays only.

**Response**

The Northern Territory is the only jurisdiction in Australia where private possession and ignition of fireworks is permitted. Territory Day is an important celebration and it is highly valued by most Territorians.

The 2011 Territory Day was regarded as one of the better celebrations on record. Apprehending those who possess and ignite fireworks after the approved period is never easy, as offenders tend to move quickly away after the event before Police can arrive.

The *Dangerous Goods Act 1980* and Dangerous Goods Regulations have been amended for the past three years, as a result of feedback from the Competent Authority and from other parties such as Police, Fire and Emergency Services, following Territory Day.