



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No:	36
Title:	Keep Public Service Jobs in Alice Springs
Presented on:	23 August 2006
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Referred To:	DCIS (Burns)
Response due:	11 October 2006
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Response presented:	13 June 2006

Petition

A Petition to the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
Keep Public Service Jobs in Alice Springs

We the undersigned, respectfully showeth:

That we do not approve of the plan that the Northern Territory Government has to transfer the Alice Springs Salaries Section of the Department of Corporate and Information Services to Darwin.

Your petitioners do humbly observe that the government plans will affect about 30 people who are currently employed in the Salaries Section and these jobs will be lost from Alice Springs thus affecting the whole community.

Your petitioners do humbly pray that the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory take the necessary steps to make the Northern Territory Government retain the Salaries Section of DCIS in Alice Springs.

Response

A proposal has been submitted to Government which envisages the transfer of salary processing functions from Alice Springs to Darwin in order to take advantage of a larger pool of experienced personnel which could not be established and maintained in Alice Springs.

The impact of the proposal is the transfer of 18 jobs from Alice Springs to Darwin and a loss of a further 10 positions in Alice Springs. A payroll liaison function to assist Alice Springs based staff with payroll and related matters would remain in Alice Springs and various strategies would be introduced to maintain and improve current service levels.

This matter will be further considered together with the outcome of the service-wide Corporate Services Review, which is expected to report in July 2006.