



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Petition**

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| Registration No.         | 34  |
| Title                    | REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR NAUIYA COMMUNITY, DALY RIVER |
| Presented on             | 20 February 2014                                    |
| Presented by             | Mr Higgins (Member for Daly)                        |
| Referred to              | Local Government & Regions                          |
| Date referred            | 21 February 2014                                    |
| Response due             | 15 May 2014   |
| Response received        | 2 April 2014  |
| Response to be presented | 6 May 2014  |

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED OF NAUIYU COMMUNITY, DALY RIVER FEEL THAT WE SHOULD GO WITH THE NEW REGIONAL AUTHORITY TO THE WEST. BECAUSE OF OUR CULTURAL TIES (THROUGH FAMILIES, SONGS, DANCE, LANGUAGE AND CEREMONIES) AND ECONOMICAL REASONS (EMPLOYMENT OPPERTUNITIES AND TRAINING). WE FEEL THAT WE WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITH MOVING INTO THE NEW REGIONAL AUTHORITY WITH PEPPIMENARTI, WADEYE AND PALUMPA.

**Response**

On 16 September 2013, I received correspondence from Mr Andrew McTaggart enclosing this petition signed by 102 residents of the Nauiyu community who supported a move to a new Regional Council being established in the Peppimenarti, Palumpa and Wadeye region.

On 4 November 2013, following a meeting held at Peppimenarti between the Chief Minister, the Hon Adam Giles MLA, the Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins MLA, myself and clan group representatives, I issued a press release advising of the regions desire for a new council.

On 3 December 2013, the Member for Daly, received advice of a decision by the trustees of the Nauiyu Nambiyu Land Trust that the Nauiyu community support staying with the continuing Regional Council in the Victoria Daly region.

By the end of March 2015, all councils must have undertaken a constitutional review as required by Section 23(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act*. This review considers the adequacy of the existing representation of the area.

Given the differing views I will advise the new West Daly Regional Council to include in their constitutional review the option of including Nauiyu within their boundaries.