



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### Petition

Registration No.	31
Title	Rescission of Secure Care Facility at Lowther Road, Bees Creek
Presented on	6 May 2010
Presented by	Ms Purick
Referred to	Health, Minister Vatskalis
Date referred	6 May 2010
Response due	20 October 2010
Response received	4 August 2010
Response presented	10 August 2010

#### **Petition**

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH that we are strongly concerned by the Department of Health's Intention to build and operate a secure care facility that will cater for 'high risk behaviour' people who will be located at the facility on a non voluntary basis in a facility similar to a conventional jail. The location on Lowther Road, Bees Creek, Hundred of Strangways is completely unacceptable especially given absolute lack of consultation and the potential for detrimental impact on amenity.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that the Northern Territory Government provide full details as to why this location has been chosen and rescind the decision to develop a secure care facility in a rural residential location.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, AS IN DUTY BOUND, WILL EVER PRAY

#### **Response**

The Minister has listened to the concerns of local residents in the Bees Creek and Cotterill Road areas, and taken the decision not to locate the Secure Care facilities in these areas.