

**Petition**

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Petition

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

Objection to Proposal to replace Golf Course Estate with Olive Pink.

We, the undersigned respectfully showeth our objection to the proposed name change of the Golf Course Estate to Olive Pink.

Your petitioners humbly respect the significant inter-racial, anthropological and botanical contribution Ms Olive Pink made during her life in the Alice Springs and celebrate the naming of the Olive Pink Botanical Gardens in her honour.

Your petitioners also humbly observe the fact that the golf course was the focus of the surrounding residential development and thus the significance of the name of the Golf Course Estate.

Your petitioners do humbly pray that the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory urges the Northern Territory Place Name Committee to retain the name of the Golf Course Estate for the suburb adjacent to and surrounding the Alice Springs Golf Course.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Response

The Place Names Committee has been working with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to define suburbs and localities with official names across the whole of the Northern Territory.

In order to do this, the committee initially defined suburbs and locality names as the basis for public consultation. The public consultation process lasted for around six weeks, ending on 14 July 2006.

The whole purpose of preparing the initial set of names was to gauge public interest and comment. None of these names or boundaries were ever set in concrete.

Following receipt of this Petition, an already planned public meeting was held in Alice Springs at which the Chairperson of the Place Names Committee advised that following adverse comment Olive Pink would not be used as a suburb name.

The meeting was asked to submit an alternative name for the area. It was noted that whatever name is finally chosen, the suburb is a larger area than the estate and the name Golf Course Estate, is considered unsuitable for a suburb. There are many golf courses in the Territory and it could be confusing. I understand the residents have now come up with an alternative name.

The Chairperson has also announced publicly on several occasions that this estate name could continue to exist within the suburb. There are similar cases elsewhere in the Territory and throughout Australia. For example, the estate names Woodleigh Gardens, Northlakes and Fairway Waters, originally used for marketing purposes by the developers, survive in the suburbs of Leanyer, Marrara and Durack respectively.

Following the first round of consultation, the Place Names Committee will assess all submissions and where necessary, undertake further consultation. I expect that the Committee will make final recommendations to me by the end of August 2006 and that soon the Northern Territory will have complete coverage of suburbs and localities with names supported by the community.