



Petition

Registration No.	48
Title	Ensure that the Deckchair Cinema is protected for the people of Darwin to enjoy for many years
Presented on	24 June 2020
Presented by	Member for Port Darwin
Referred to	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture and Legislation Scrutiny Committee
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
Date referred	24 June 2020
Response due	Within 12 meeting days
Response received	29 July 2020
Response presented	n/a

Petition

We, the undersigned, hereby

Deckchair Cinema is one of the great and unique things that makes Darwin such a fantastic place to live. We are requesting that the Darwin City Council and NTG protect the Deckchair Cinema by honouring the agreement that they made to green the Cenotaph car park in the Darwin City Deal.

- Deckchair Cinema is the last cinema in Darwin City
- It has been operating for 26 years and is thriving with 50,000 visits last year
- Deckchair Cinema supports local businesses in all areas of its operation - buying local produce for the kiosk and engaging local caterers who served 25,000 meals last year
- Deckchair Cinema is a major attraction holding the #1 spot in its category on TripAdvisor
- Deckchair Cinema donates one night every week for fundraisers and raises up to \$70,000 annually for other local not-for-profit organisations

We sincerely hope that the RSL opens a great new club for their members soon. There are many great sites available for the new RSL so let's ensure that the Deckchair Cinema is protected for the people of Darwin to enjoy for many years.

Response

Petition 48 as read in the Legislative Assembly on 24 June 2020, was redirected to me as the Minister responsible for Tourism, Sport and Culture.

Pursuant to Standing Order 123, I provide the following response for presentation to the Assembly.

I am aware the RSL is considering options to rebuild following the fire that destroyed the Cavenagh Street premises. I understand that the RSL has met with the Darwin Film Society to discuss the options of developing at the Cenotaph carpark vicinity.

In reference to Petition 48 regarding converting the City of Darwin carpark adjacent to the Cenotaph to a green space, this relates to the Darwin City Deal between the Northern Territory and Australian Governments and the City of Darwin.

The Darwin City Deal Implementation Plan outlines the construction of a multi-level carpark below Civic and State Square as a first step in the precinct's transformation. There was no formal commitment in the deal regarding the carpark adjacent to the Cenotaph and the use of this land is a matter for the City of Darwin as the landowner.

I note the petitioners concerns about the potential impact of the proposed development on the iconic Deckchair Cinema. Should a Development Application be submitted, stakeholders will be able to have their say via the Development Consent Authority (DCA) process, which operates outside of direct government control. Submissions and presentations are considered by the DCA prior to them making a decision on an application.