

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Namatjira

To: Minister for Remote Housing

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Agency: Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: White Gate Town Camp

QUESTION:

There are many, such as the central Arrernte people, people living at White Gate community on the edge of Alice Springs. What work is the government doing to develop provision of services in conjunction with traditional owners and Tangentyere Council to provide ongoing support for residents?

ANSWER:

Irrkerlantye (Whitegate) sits on crown land (Lot 8101) within the Municipal boundary of Alice Springs. There is no tenure and limited infrastructure. The Hayes family members have occupied the site since the early 1980s.

In January 2014, former CLP Minister, Bess Price informed residents that the NT government would no longer take responsibility for maintenance and repairs at Whitegate.

Under Labor there have been upgrades to a solar power system, a substantial increase in water capacity and work is continuing between on the preparation of a draft Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

The Northern Territory Government has recently signed a Local Decision Making Agreement with the Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation which will see Whitegate receive some Municipal and Essential Services through that agreement.