



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No:	33
Title:	Centre for high risk behaviour people in Alice Springs
Presented on:	7 June 2010
Presented by:	Ms Anderson
Referred to:	Health (Vatskalis)
Date referred:	8 June 2010
Response due:	27 October 2010
Response received:	26 October 2010
Response presented:	27 October 2010

Petition

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

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH our very strong concerns of the Department of Health's intention to build and operate a secure care centre that will cater for "high risk behaviour" people who will reside, on a non voluntary basis, in the facility which is similar to a conventional jail. The location on the corner of Cotterill Rd. & Ross Highway, Alice Springs, is completely unacceptable especially given the absolute lack of consultation with the residents of this area and the potential for detrimental impact on their 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 location consisting solely of residential homes of NT families.

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

Response

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 2010 attaching Petition number 33 objecting to the planned Secure Care facility at Cotterill Road, Alice Springs.

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