



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No:	39
Title:	Sale and use of fireworks on Territory Day
Presented on:	11 October 2006
Presented by:	Ms Carney
Referred To:	DEET (Henderson) – Work Health
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Response presented:	13 February 2007

Petition

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled:

The humble petition of the undersigned citizens of the Northern Territory sheweth:

Each year many people and pets are badly injured and frightened by the inappropriate use of fireworks by an increasing minority on days other than the 1st of July (Territory Day).

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that:

The Legislative Assembly ban the sale of fireworks and use of fireworks by private individuals in the Northern Territory.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Response

Fireworks have become an integral part of the Territory Day celebrations and the Northern Territory Government is mindful of the safety, animal welfare and disturbance issues associated with the general public having access to fireworks at this time.

For that reason the number of days that fireworks can be purchased prior to Territory Day has been reduced from three to two. This reform has reduced the misuse of fireworks outside this annual celebration. Educational campaigns have also been invigorated to strengthen the safety message.

Dangerous handling of fireworks at any time, and any use outside the Territory Day period can constitute an offence. Any instances of this occurring should be reported to police.

The Government believes the current arrangements strike the right balance between those who use family firework celebrations as a unique cultural event in the Territory and those who find them a disturbance.

