**Petition**

The Gunner government changed Gazette S119 with no public consultation. This means that no bottle shop is able to have a footprint larger than 400m square. This came directly after Dan Murphy's proposed a 1200m square bottle shop.

The Gunner government's excuse? "They took it to the August election" if we remember correctly, they didn't release their policies until the day before the election.

Let's stop the grave injustice! We will not be the Nanny State!

**Response**

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2017 regarding a petition read in the Legislative Assembly (Petition No. 7).

Pursuant to Standing Order 123, I am hereby responding to the petition regarding Changing Gazette S119 to bring Dan Murphy's to Darwin for presentation to the Assembly.

While the petitioner's concerns are noted, at this time, the matter is currently before the Federal Court and it is necessary to await the outcome of proceedings.

The Northern Territory Government remains focused on combating alcohol fuelled crime and tackling alcohol abuse in our community.