



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No.	43
Title	Building on vacant land opposite Karama Shops
Presented on	26 OCTOBER 2010
Presented by	MS DELIA LAWRIE
Referred to	Lands and Planning (G McCarthy)
Date referred	26 October 2010
Response due	22 February 2011
Response received	24 February 2011
Response presented	29 March 2011

Petition

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

We the undersigned respectfully showeth that we are extremely concerned by *Joondanna Investments* intention to build a series of apartment blocks of up to four storey, on vacant land opposite the Karama Shopping Plaza. The plans are incongruous with this settled suburban locale, especially given absolute lack of consultation and the potential for detrimental impact on amenity, even loss of amenity. The density of 76 multi-storey apartments and 152 car-spaces is concerning, and complicated by traffic management-flow.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that the Development Consent Authority refuse consent to allow this development to go ahead in its present configuration. Additionally, the people of Karama were led to believe that a community centre would be erected on this land, although this was never going to happen, it being zoned residential. In the alternative we seek the DCA to rezone the area in question for Community purposes.

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

Response

On 28 May 2010, a development application for the purpose of 16 x 1 and 60 x 2 bedroom multiple dwellings in 2 x 3 and 4 x 4 storey buildings, including ground level car parking located on a Zone MR (Medium Density Residential) site at 30 – 38 Kalymnos Drive, Karama commenced public exhibition.

Public exhibition of the proposed development was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. Fourteen public submissions, including three group submissions, were received during the exhibition period. On 22 July 2010, the Development Consent Authority conducted a public hearing which was attended by a number of submitters.

Following this hearing the Development Consent Authority, which is an independent statutory authority, determined that the development should be approved and a Notice of Determination was issued. A Third Party Appeal was subsequently received, and is currently going through the statutory appeal process with the Lands, Planning and Mining Tribunal.

Whilst I note public concerns to this process, the matter is now the subject of a formal tribunal process. I have forwarded this petition to the Chairman of the Development Consent Authority so that he is also aware of the community concerns in relation to the development.