

# PETITION

**[Petition Title]**

To the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

**This petition as signed below calls the attention of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly to:** *(briefly identify/outline the reason for the petition).*

*Guidelines provided for reference only, please do not include in the final text:*

- Identify the petitioners in general terms, e.g. citizens of Northern Territory or residents of (name of town, region, electorate).*
- Briefly state the reason for the petition.*
- Petition must be respectful and not contain irrelevant statements.*
- Petition must be neatly written or printed.*
- Petition must be in the English language or accompanied by a translation.*
- Petition must contain a request at the end.*

**The Petitioners therefore ask that the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:** *(detail the action which the Legislative Assembly should take).*

- State the action you wish the Legislative Assembly to take or not to take.*
- Petition must be signed by at least one person on the sheet on which the text of petition is printed. Subsequent signatures may be written on the sheets containing the request of the petition.*
- Petition must be signed by the parties whose names are on the petition, by their own hand, and by no one else, except in the case of incapacity or sickness.*

	FULL NAME	FULL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
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- Petition may be presented to the Assembly by any Member.*
- No letters, affidavits or other documents may be attached to any petition.*
- Petition must not be altered or otherwise marked up or amended.*
- Upon presentation to the Assembly, petition will become a public document.*

## CHAPTER TEN

### PETITIONS

#### STANDING ORDER 119

##### *Petitions*

Petitions may be presented to the Assembly by any Member provided that:

- (1) every petition must be respectful and not contain irrelevant statements
- (2) every petition must be neatly written, printed or reproduced by mechanical (or other) process, without interlineation or erasure
- (3) every petition must contain a request or prayer at the end
- (4) every petition must be in the English language, or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct by the Member who lodges it
- (5) every petition must be signed by at least one person on the sheet on which the petition is inscribed
- (6) every petition must be signed by the parties whose names are on the petition, by their own hand, and by no one else, except in the case of incapacity or sickness. Persons unable to write must affix their marks in the presence of a witness, who also affix their signature. For electronic petitions see (9) below
- (7) every signature must be written upon the petition or upon sheets containing the prayer of the petition, and not pasted or otherwise transferred upon. For electronic petitions see (9) below
- (8) no letters, affidavits or other documents may be attached to any petition
- (9) any petition signed by electronic means or which claims to have been electronically endorsed by petitioners will be certified by the presenting Member that to the best of his or her knowledge the petition has been endorsed by the number of petitioners claimed
- (10) a petition for presentation to the Assembly can be lodged with the Clerk only by a Member, but a Member cannot lodge a petition from themselves
- (11) every Member lodging a petition with the Clerk for presentation to the Assembly will affix their name at the beginning, and
- (12) every petition must be lodged with the Clerk at least two hours prior to the time of the meeting of the Assembly on the day on which it is proposed to present it, and when presented the petition must bear the Clerk's certificate that it conforms with the Standing Orders.