

# PETITION

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

### WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH

We the undersigned are opposed to / support [state grievance]

*Guidelines (provided for reference only, please delete from the final text)*

- Identify the petitioners, in general terms, e.g. citizens of Northern Territory or residents of (name of town, region, electorate)
- State the facts or circumstances leading to the petition here.
- Petition must be respectful and not contain irrelevant statements.
- Petition must be neatly written, printed or reproduced by mechanical (or other process, without interlineation or erasure.
- Petition must be in the English language or accompanied by a translation
- Petition must contain a request or prayer at the end.

### YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory recommends / supports / opposes [state action to be taken by the Legislative Assembly]

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- State the action you wish the Legislative Assembly to take or not to take here.

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

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- Petition must be signed by at least one person on the sheet on which the petition is inscribed.
- Every signature must be written upon the petition or upon sheets containing the prayer 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.
- Only original signatures are permitted.

## 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.