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| Registration No. | 1 |
| Title | O'FERRALS ROCK DECLARED AS A CONSERVATION ZONE WITH HERITAGE LISTING |
| Presented on | 24 October 2012 |
| Presented by | Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) |
| Referred to | Lands, Planning and Environment (Hon Terry Mills) |
| Date referred | 24 October 2012 |
| Response due | 13 March 2013 sittings |
| Response received | 10 December 2012 |
| Response to be presented | 12 February 2013 |

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

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH that we request that OFERRALS ROCK, a very small rounded hill near Sadgroves Creek and the Bayview estate, receive formal Northern Territory Government recognition for conservation and preservation. This natural landmark has featured on official maps since about 1940. It is recognised by the NT Place Names Committee. The hill, on crown land, though small, has a distinctive natural ecology, and Aboriginal archaeological significance, and is an attractive landmark feature with an interesting World War I history.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that the Northern Territory Government formally declares OFERRALS ROCK as a CONSERVATION ZONE, and includes it in the new park adjoining it in OFerrals Road. Further we ask that the Northern Territory Government support its immediate heritage listing.

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

Response

In response to the petition, I will initiate an amendment to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme to rezone O'Ferrals Rock from Zone FD (Future Development) to Zone CN (Conservation). This will provide the community with the opportunity to support the conservation of the site. It is not necessary to consolidate the site with the adjoining park, as the designation of Zone CN (Conservation) will protect O'Ferrals Rock from development.

I am pleased to advise that there is a shell midden located at the O'Ferrals Rock site and that the midden is automatically protected by the *Heritage Act*.

The Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment will determine the extent of this midden and make some further enquiries about the possible heritage significance of O'Ferrals Rock. It is important to note that the Heritage Council, in accordance with legislation, is the only authorised body to formally initiate an assessment of heritage significance. On completion of its investigations, the Department will refer the matter to the Council for its consideration. If a third party wishes to nominate O'Ferrals Rock for heritage listing, they may do so at any time by submitting the appropriate nomination form to the Heritage Council.