



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
12th Assembly

Petition

Registration No.	45
Title	Proposal to relocate low level prisoners to old ANSTI site
Presented on	25 March 2015
Presented by	Ms Purick (Member for Goyder)
Referred to	Minister for Corrections (Hon John Elferink MLA)
Date referred	25 March 2015
Response due	15 September 2015
Response received	23 April 2015
Response to be presented	28 April 2015

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

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH that we do not support the Department; of Correctional Services plan to relocate prisoners to the old ANSTI site on Bees Creek Road and for the facility to be used as a transitional center and subsequent living arrangement hostel following release from prison. The area is zoned rural living and a facility used to house 30 prisoners is contrary to the zoning and against the wishes of the residents.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that the Northern Territory Government does not proceed with the proposal to relocate low level prisoners to Bees Creek Road facility, which if done so will detrimentally impact on rural lifestyle, amenity and safety.

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

Response

I remain committed to expanding the services available to assist prisoners to reintegrate into the community and make healthy lifestyle choices, as I believe these will have a positive impact on government's commitment to reducing recidivism rates.

At a community consultation meeting hosted at the proposed facility on 21 March 2015, I did advise the public that in light of the strong opposition to the facility and the presence of open rated prisoners in the community that the proposal would not proceed.

I confirm the verbal commitment made to the public on the day and advise there is no intention to proceed with the proposal to develop the facility at 175 Bees Creek Road as a transitional accommodation facility for prisoners.