



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

Petition

Registration No.	30
Title	Rural based water and swimming complex
Presented on	1 November 2018
Presented by	Member for Goyder (Ms Kezia Purick MLA)
Referred to	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics and to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for consideration to debate
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
Date referred	1 November 2018
Response due	21 March 2019
Response received	12 March 2019
Response presented	14 March 2019

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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 the residents of greater rural of Darwin are hugely supportive of a serious commitment by the NT Government, including allocation of funds in the 2019/2020 NT Budget, to provide a water and swimming pool complex to provide safe and supervised swimming both for recreational, therapeutic and competitive purposes.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT the Northern Territory Government immediately commence discussions with all stakeholders including the Litchfield Council, Swimming Australia, Royal Life Saving Australia, swimming clubs and other relevant stakeholders as to the commitment and development of a rural based water and swimming complex.

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

Response

The Northern Territory Government supports investment into community infrastructure that provides improved access to sporting and recreational activities for Territorians, particularly early childhood swimming and water safety programs.

The Northern Territory Government has previously provided funding for investigations into developing a priority list of community infrastructure upgrades at the Freds Pass Reserve and to undertake feasibility studies for a swimming pool for the rural area.

Litchfield Council will be required to consider suitable sites, delivery costs and ability to meet ongoing operational costs.

The Northern Territory Government supports the petition for a pool in the rural area. It is understood that the Litchfield Council has submitted a funding application under round two of the Local Government Special Purpose Grant program administered by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development. I wish the Council every success with securing funding.