



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
14th Assembly

Petition

Registration No.	23
Title	Levels of criminal activity in the township of Katherine (Big Rivers Region) of the Northern Territory (NT) is severely impacting aspects of the community's everyday lives.
Presented on	29 March 2023
Presented by	Member for Katherine
Referred to	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
Date referred	18 May 2023
Response due	25 October 2023
Response received	
Response presented	

Petition

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

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH

The Town and Electorate of Katherine, in the Big Rivers Region of the Northern Territory, respectfully request the following measures in order to restore some measure of law and order to our town.

There is currently a level of criminal activity here that is severely impacting on every aspect of our lives.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT

Urges the Government to urgently bring back consequences for youth offending by examining the following:

- A curfew for children under the age of criminal responsibility.
- Shops required to refuse service to children during school hours, unless the children are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Non-attendance of children at school be dealt with immediately by engagement officers appointed to the schools, so that truancy is under daily scrutiny and non-attenders without a reasonable excuse (such as illness) are collected and brought to school every day.

In addition to deal with the escalating crime in Katherine:

- The police be given the power to confiscate/tip out any alcohol being consumed in a public place.
 - A whole-of-government audit of NGOs in Katherine be conducted to determine needs-based youth support and outcomes.
 - Anyone on the banned drinkers register to also be excluded from all licensed venues.
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Response