LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



Petition

Registration No.	18
Title	PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD POWER LINE INFRASTRUCTURE IN MARLOW LAGOON SUBURB
Presented on	10 June 2009
Presented by	Mr Bohlin
Referred to	Essential Services (Knight)
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Response due	15 October 2009
Response received	15 October 2009
Response presented	19 October 2009

Petition

Dear Chief Minister,

We the undersigned object to the proposed installation of new 66,000 Volt overhead power lines infrastructure along the existing Power easement dissecting the Marlow Lagoon suburb.

We request that all works cease until such time as the following have been addressed:

- Re-assessment of the current proposal to include consultation with Landowners and Palmerston City Council.
- Identification of alternative options ensuring that consideration has been given to the viability
 of an underground service; and or utilisation of existing infrastructure (e.g. Towers already
 installed).
- Development of new proposal mutually acceptable to the NT Government, Mariow Lagoon Residents, Broader Palmerston Community and Palmerston City Council.

We believe that not <u>ALL</u> Marlow Lagoon landowners, residents and other stakeholders including Palmerston City Council have been appropriately consulted during this process.

We believe that <u>NO</u> consideration or public information has been given to the potential health risks associated with implementing this new infrastructure so close to homes.

We further believe that if implemented there will be a dramatic devaluation of properties within the Marlow Lagoon Suburb.

Response

Power and Water needs to construct a new 10km overhead 66kV transmission line from the existing Hudson Creek control centre to the new Archer Zone Substation in Palmerston.

It is proposed to place a third powerline through the easement on 20m poles (possibly spun concrete) rather than the existing "lattice tower" type design. The poles should be more aesthetically pleasing and will be much lower in height than the existing poles.

Power and Water staff and I attended a community meeting at the Palmerston Library on 30 June 2009. Various options were discussed with residents and Power and Water undertook to consider further options.

Following further consultation the agreed solution with residents is to run the new line between the existing towers and this work will now be undertaken.

This information has been provided direct to residents and up loaded to the Power and Water Corporation website.