



Petition

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Presented by	Ms Purick
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Petition

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

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH that we are strongly supportive of the commencement of planning and allocation of funding for a new college and community library to be located in the grounds of Taminmin College. The current library is grossly inadequate to meet the needs of the college and the community given that since its opening the college population has grown from 500 students to over 1200 students and the nearby residential community has seen a large increase in population.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT the Northern Territory Government provide the same school facilities for students at Taminmin College as experienced by other students at urban high schools and colleges and that the users of the Taminmin Library to not continue to be disadvantaged in their studies

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

Response

The Northern Territory Government has in recent years provided over \$5m to expand and upgrade infrastructure at Taminmin College as part of the middle years of schooling implementation, with a further \$2m invested by the Australian Government in vocational education and training facilities.

I am advised that the Principal and school council did not identify expenditure on the college library as a priority during consultation on the above infrastructure investment.

While there is no committed investment in new library facilities at Taminmin College in the Northern Territory Government's forward works program, the significant growth in student enrolments has been considered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) in its infrastructure planning process.

I have asked DET to again review the library facility at Taminmin College in consultation with the Principal, relevant senior staff and the school council.

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Should the review identify a need for unscheduled investment in the library facility, the funding required would be a matter for departmental and government deliberations as per budget processes.

Please be assured I remain committed to the delivery of high quality education for the students at Taminmin College.