

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Housing & Homelands:

Houses in Yirrkala

1. I have great concerns across our communities that the new houses are very hot and require people to run Air Conditioning all day and night – impacting on cost of living and environmental concerns.

We need houses that have more under cover outdoor living spaces, bigger bedroom spaces for families, more bathrooms. As well as cooler houses. What consultation is happening about the ongoing building of houses in our communities?

2. The houses that have been built most recently in Yirrkala are built very close together. This is a very poor design for large Yolŋu families, and there is no space for ceremonies. What was the community consultation process around the design of these houses?
3. What are the processes to address issues like these after the work has been completed? And how can we avoid these problems in future designs?