



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Petition**

Registration No:	25
Title:	ANZAC Hill High School – remain as a Secondary Campus
Presented on:	12 October 2009
Presented by:	Mr Adam Giles
Referred to:	Education (Henderson)
Date referred:	13.10.09
Response due:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sitting day 2010
Response received:	18 February 2010
Response presented:	18 February 2010

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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 we seek the Northern Territory Government to put true to their word and listen to the people of Alice Springs by acknowledging the concerns of parents and the School Council of ANZAC Hill High School in Alice Springs.**

**YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that the Members of the Assembly commit to keeping the ANZAC Hill High School campus open as a separate campus within the new Centralian Middle School.**

**That the core subjects of Math's and English and Special Education remain at both campuses and that students and parents continue to have a choice of campus for education in Alice Springs.**

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

## **Response**

On 13 October 2009, Petition No. 25 was presented and read in the Legislative Assembly. The Petition concerned ANZAC Hill High School – Remain as a Secondary Campus. I respond to the petition pursuant to Standing Order 100 as the Minister for Education and Training.

The Petition read in the Legislative Assembly bore 665 signatures and called for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly to commit to keeping the ANZAC Hill High School campus open as a separate campus within the new Centralian Middle School; and the core subjects of Maths, English and Special Education remain at both campuses and students and parents continue to have a choice of campus for education in Alice Springs.

In February 2009 the former Minister for Education and Training announced the creation of an Alice Springs middle school as part of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan to tackle youth crime and antisocial behaviour. Following an extensive community consultation process during 2009, the new Centralian Middle School opened with higher than anticipated enrolments with two separate campuses under one Principal and two Campus Heads at the beginning of the 2010 school year.

The new Centralian Middle School is providing better tailored educational programs, including more specialist courses, and will improve vocational and alternative educational pathways. Under the agreed model, students attend the Gillen campus to access a range of general and specialist subjects, with some students accessing the ANZAC Hill campus for additional specialist subjects.

Special education teachers are able to work with teachers, classes and individuals on both campuses.

I am absolutely committed to the delivery of high quality education that will ensure Northern Territory children are provided opportunities at school that will enable them to develop the skills required to participate fully in the economic and social development of the Northern Territory and the nation.