

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Lands and Planning

Rural Living Zoned Properties in Alice Springs

There are numerous Rural Living (RL) zoned properties in Alice Springs being used inappropriately as transport terminals. This involves the RL properties being used as industrial sites for the maintenance, repairs and housing of heavy transport vehicles.

This activity is in direct breach of the Rural Living Zoning requirements. This activity causes considerable loss of amenity for neighbouring properties and pits neighbour against neighbour.

The Department of Lands and Planning have been aware of at least three RL properties used as “transport terminals” and thus in breach of the Zoning requirements in the rural living areas of Alice Springs for a number of years.

1. What powers does the Department of Lands and Planning have to stop this illegal activity?
 2. What can residents do to stop this illegal activity in the RL areas?
 3. How are the zoning regulations upheld by the Department of Lands and Planning?
 4. What is a reasonable length of time for those in breach of the Zoning requirements, upon advice from the Department of Lands and Planning, to cease the illegal activity and comply with the zoning requirements?
 5. What penalties exist for those Rural Living residents that continue to fail to comply with the Zoning Requirements?
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