



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

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Presented on	19 March 2019
Presented by	Member for Fannie Bay
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To the Northern Territory Government

We the undersigned respectfully showeth

Darwin is the capital of the Northern Territory in Australia, and that over 30% of our population is made up of Aboriginal people, who have a strong connection to country across the NT. There are also many Torres Strait Islander peoples who call the NT home and have played their part in growing our Territory.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that
The NT Government fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at the Bagot Road overpass, raised at the same height as the Australian flag and on both sides.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will pray

Response

This Government is committed to working with Aboriginal people and communities, as well as other government and non-government organisations, to deliver improved social, economic and cultural outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians.

The Department has plans to provide for a third flag pole for the Aboriginal flag to be placed on the Stuart Highway (inbound) verge, opposite the Bagot Road flyover. This location provides visibility from both the Stuart Highway and the Bagot Road flyover as the main entry roads into the city. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

This Government recognises the cultural significance of flying the Aboriginal flag at the Bagot Road overpass in acknowledging the indigenous history of the Northern Territory and the Larrakia people as the traditional custodians of Darwin.

However, considering the location currently provides two flag poles, by adding a third this unfortunately does not provide sufficient space to install a fourth flag pole for the Torres Strait Islander flag.



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