



Petition

Registration No.	7
Title	Upgrade access to appropriate medical care for the residents of the Dundee to Annie River Estate Area
Presented on	24 March 2021
Presented by	Member for Daly
Referred to	Minister for Health and Public Accounts Committee
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
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Response presented	10 August 2021

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DUNDEE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PETITION TO NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE DUNDEE TO ANNIE RIVER ESTATE AREA

Response

The Dundee Progress Association operated four volunteer-staffed first aid posts from 1998 to 2016 in Dundee Beach and the surrounding area. The last of these ceased service in 2016 due to the lack of volunteers despite, considerable efforts by the Dundee Progress Association (DPA) to attract new volunteers.

A 2018 Needs Assessment, conducted by NT Primary Health Network (PHN) found that a traditional 'bricks and mortar' health centre was not viable in the Dundee Beach area due to the comparatively small resident population size. A Dundee Beach Project Team was established in September 2019, comprising key representatives from the DPA, PHN and NT Health, to determine appropriate alternatives, including the potential for telehealth. In August 2020, the NT Government installed a Telstra and NBN Satellite at Dundee Beach to support telehealth.

General Practices are the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government, through Primary Health Networks. Consequently, NT Health and NT PHN have agreed that NT PHN are the lead organisation on this project.

We invite the Dundee Progress Association to continue their negotiations directly with the NT PHN to identify the most suitable Primary Health Care service model for the growing needs of the Dundee Beach and Annie River Estate area, including resident, visitors and tourists.