



Petition

Registration No.	8
Title	Palmerston Escarpment maintenance
Presented on	10 August 2021
Presented by	Member for Brennan
Referred to	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics; and Public Accounts Committee
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
Date referred	10 August 2021
Response due	1 December 2021
Response received	2 December 2021
Response presented	2 December 2021

Petition

TO THE HONOURABLE THE **SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY:

Our community love to use the Palmerston escarpment.

Many in our community feel the maintenance isn't frequent enough, as it is often overgrown and littered with rubbish, including dangerous items.

Sadly, it can be unappealing for residents to utilise and sometimes feels unsafe.

The residents of Palmerston want City of Palmerston and the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics to work together to make our Palmerston Escarpment safe and clean, by:

1. Increasing the overgrown vegetation maintenance
2. Increasing the attendance by rangers to remove rubbish
3. Increasing the attendance by authorities to move on itinerants

Sign the petition to confirm you agree that more maintenance is needed.

Response

The Northern Territory Government recognises the environmental and recreational values of the Palmerston Escarpment, which features bushland and walking trails connecting the suburbs of Gunn, Bakewell and Rosebery.

The attached map of Palmerston Escarpment shows:

- Lots 9174, 9985 and 9986 Town of Palmerston (Gunn), which is currently owned and managed by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL), however the City of Palmerston has recently accepted an offer of a transfer of ownership of the land and is working with DIPL to finalise this transfer (anticipated to occur in early 2022); and
- Lots 5689, 5027 and 6274 Town of Palmerston (Bakewell and Rosebery), which is owned and managed by City of Palmerston.

Currently both the Northern Territory Government and City of Palmerston conduct maintenance that includes, but is not limited to, litter and weed control, firebreaks and clearing of overgrown vegetation. Inspections occur at regular intervals throughout the year as part of an ongoing management program.

The Palmerston Escarpment is a valuable community asset that users should enjoy and feel safe in. Both the Northern Territory Government and City of Palmerston monitors and takes appropriate action, including working closely with NT Police and community organisations to assist people seeking shelter, to find alternative accommodation and access support services.

Should residents wish to submit a maintenance request, the contact details are as follows:

- for Lots 9174, 9985 and 9986 in Gunn

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Email: Crownland.estate@nt.gov.au
Phone: 8999 6886

- for Lots 5689, 5027 and 6274 in Bakewell and Rosebery

City of Palmerston
Email: palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au
Phone: 8935 9900

Note once Lots 917 4, 9985 and 9986 formally transfer to the City of Palmerston, all responsibility for the land will sit with council.

The Northern Territory Government and City of Palmerston value the maintenance requests and feedback from residents to improve and maintain the natural amenity of the Palmerston Escarpment.