



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### Petition

Registration No.	52
Title	Basketball Stadium at Centralian Middle School
Presented on	30 March 2011
Presented by	Member for Araluen (Lambley)
Referred to	Education & Training (Burns)
Date referred	30 March 2011
Response due	18 August 2011
Response received	29 April 2011
Response presented	3 May 2011

#### **Petition**

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

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH that we wish to express our objection to the Basketball Stadium erected in the grounds of the Centralian Middle School Alice Springs in December 2010.

- We object to not being advised of the intention to build this stadium.
- We object to not being consulted on how this building and its purpose might effect our lives.
- We object to the height of the building which blocks many residents views of the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges
- We object to the noise and anti-social behaviour of people using the facility at all hours of the day and night.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT the Northern Territory Government immediately remove the Basketball Stadium.

#### **Response**

The upgrade of facilities at Centralian Middle School is a significant part of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan and over \$9.5 million has been committed already in order to provide students with a first class education facility.

While notification of residents about construction on school sites is desirable, school councils are not required to advise of developments if the Project is within the permitted use and height of the planning scheme, which this facility is.

Mediation was recently facilitated by the Department of Justice with the two major complainants, the DET Executive Director Central Australia Regions and the Principal of Centralian Middle School. The basketball courts will now be closed on a trial basis from 5.00pm to 7.30am on weekdays and all weekends, preventing access to the wider community.