



Petition

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Title	Barkly Regional Sports Infrastructure Program in the Growth Towns of Borroloola, Elliott and Ali Curung
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Presented by	Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly)
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To the Honourable Terry Mills MLA Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

We the undersigned respectfully showeth our support for the proposed Barkly Regional Sports Infrastructure Program in the Growth Towns of Borroloola, Elliott and Ali Curung.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Northern Territory Government commit to funding the construction of Regional Sports Infrastructure in the form of Australian Rules Football ovals with supporting Bush Camping Grounds that will facilitate the operation of Regional Football Games, Arts and Culture Festivals and Regional School Sports Carnivals in Barkly Growth Towns. This commitment to Regional Development should be delivered in the forward Budgets 2013 – 2016 in the Growth Towns of Borroloola, Elliott and Ali Curung and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Response

I wish to thank all signatories of this petition for this demonstration of care for their communities. I am reminded by your action that sporting infrastructure can provide an important focus for local communities and wish, wherever feasible, to support the specific needs of residents seeking opportunities to engage in competition or recreation.

While no specific funding has been identified to support improvements to the sporting infrastructure in Borroloola, Elliott and Ali Curung, I look forward to lending my support to such projects wherever possible. In keeping with this Government's commitment to fiscal responsibility, I must remind all signatories that, at this time, non-essential expenditure must often be deferred in favour of more critical works. This is one of the difficulties in providing responsible leadership.

I wish to assure you that Regional Development remains at the forefront of my agenda and I will carry your concerns forward as I continue to pursue positive outcomes for regional and remote Territorians.