



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

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Title:	Alice Springs preferred Middle School Approach
Presented on:	Wednesday 3 May 2006
Presented by:	Ms Carney
Referred To:	Minister for Education (Stirling)
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Response presented:	13 June 2006

Petition

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory:

We the undersigned respectfully sheweth that the Alice Springs community is united in their belief that Anzac Hill High School is already successfully implementing a middle school approach to education.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Alice preferred model of Anzac 7-10, ASHS 7-12 and Centralian 11-12 remain the middle school approach to education in Alice Springs.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Response

The *Making the Most of the Middle Years* two-staged community consultation process concluded on 24 March 2006. Diverse views were expressed during the consultation process, all of which will be taken into consideration during the decision-making processes about this matter.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to improving educational outcomes for all secondary aged students. Our focus on the middle years will assist to deliver on this commitment.

Should any structural changes occur, I am confident that careful planning by officers from the Department of Employment, Education and Training will ensure a smooth transition to any new arrangements. The wellbeing of students is of the utmost importance in this process.