



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### Petition

Registration No.	22
Title	Connie Smith - reinstatement
Presented on	19 June 2009
Presented by	Mr Mills
Referred to	Health (Vatskalis)
Date referred	22 June 2009
Response due	19 October 2009
Response received	25 August 2009
Response presented	12 October 2009

#### Petition

Honourable Kon Vatskalis Minister for Health

The following petition is a show of support for the return of our local rural nurse, Connie Smith. Since this most dedicated and efficient nurse has been missing from our community permanent residents have found that her usual diligent monitoring of their various health situations has been sadly lacking. We know that is the policy of the NT Government to provide ongoing professional services. We need you to look at the fact that we are the constituents whom Connie Smith has given outstanding service – please give consideration to her reinstatement

#### Response

As the matter relates to staffing decisions taken by the Department, I am precluded under section 22 (2) of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act* from giving the Chief Executive a direction in relation to this matter.

The Department of Health and Families (DHF) is committed to delivering quality health care services to the community and I am confident that DHF will continue to provide high quality primary health care to clients in the Kings Canyon area.  
Hon. Kon Vatskalis MLA