



Petition 8

Registration No.	8
Title	The Galiwin'ku Women's Space committee to take action to prevent Domestic and Family Violence
Presented on	16 March 2017
Presented by	Ms Wakefield (Member for Braitling)
Referred to	Minister for Territory Families (Hon Dale Wakefield MLA)
Date referred	20 April 2017
Response due	23 August 2017
Response received	14/8/17
Response presented	15/8/17

Petition

As a member of the Galiwin'ku community, I support the Galiwin'ku Women's Space committee to take action to:

- Prevent domestic and family violence through education and mediation
- Support the victims of domestic and family violence
- Support the building of a Domestic Violence Shelter in Galiwin'ku

Response

I would like to thank the Galiwin'ku community for their support to reduce domestic and family violence in Galiwin'ku and for their petition:

"To support the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee's to take action to:

- Prevent domestic and family violence through education and mediation
- Support the victims of domestic and family violence
- Support the building of a Domestic Violence Shelter in Galiwin'ku. "

Your request has been heard by our Government and is being actioned.

The Government has committed \$1 million to build a Women's Safe House in Galiwin'ku in 2017-18 and \$300,000 per annum in later years to run the Galiwin'ku Women's Safe House.

Our Government understands that responses to domestic and family violence in remote communities need to be community driven and enable optimal safe options. We are committed to working with the

Galiwin'ku community and the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee to design a safe house that is cultural ly responsive, and meets the safety needs of women and children in Galiwin'ku.

Territory Families is working with the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee to develop a plan and vision for the Women's Safe House, including what services will be provided, and how they will be delivered. These services may include education and mediation services as well as supports for victims of domestic and family violence and other programs. Visits are being planned for women from the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee to visit other women's shelters in the Northern Territory to share ideas.

In consultation with the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee, a possible place to build the safe house has been identified and approval from Traditional Owners is being sought. Design options are being developed for consultation and discussion with the Galiwin'ku Women's Space Committee.

Our Government through Territory Families is developing a new Northern Territory wide Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Strategy and consultations are currently taking place across the Territory. Territory Families has provided Charles Daiwin University and Menzies School of Health Research with funding to review domestic and family violence reduction programs in the Northern Territory, and their impact and effectiveness, especially in remote communities. This Northern Territory wide research and strategy work will provide a basis for developing effective responses to domestic, family and sexual violence in remote communities such as Galiwin'ku.