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Government will not rule out a compulsory acquisition of Anzac Oval

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In Question Time today the Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, would not rule out a compulsory acquisition of Anzac Oval from the Alice Springs Town Council to use for the National Indigenous Art Gallery.

“The Gunner Government has mismanaged the entire planning process for the National Indigenous Art Gallery for 12 months.”

“They have ignored the recommendations of the Aboriginal Steering Committee.

They have ignored the numerous surveys on where local people want the Art Gallery to be built.

They have belittled all those that disagree with them.”

“This whole process has been a complete shambles, yet in Parliament today the Chief Minister continues to criticise and question the integrity of the Alice Springs Town Council who have consistently said “no” to the Government.

They have said “no” to Anzac Oval being used as the site.

They have said “no” to the Government’s proposed MOU.

They said “no” to the Government’s latest pleas for a formal agreement.”

“The Gunner Government’s incompetency in the execution of the National Indigenous Art Gallery has beggared belief. Minister Lauren Moss and Minister Dale Wakefield would clearly struggle to organise a chook raffle, let alone the biggest public project Alice Springs has seen for many years” said Mrs Lambley.

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