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Residents call for units to be closed down

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The Territory Government should close down the Keith Lawrie units in Bloomfield Street, CLP Member for Araluen, Jodeen Carney said today.

Ms Carney said that she has received endless complaints from nearby residents about the anti-social behaviour by tenants of the units.

Ms Carney has recently surveyed nearby residents and the most common complaints deal with drunkenness, aggressive behaviour and fighting.

"Residents have been experiencing difficulties with the tenants of the units for months. Unfortunately, there is no end in sight and some local residents would move if they could", Ms Carney said.

"Petrol sniffing also seems to be a problem in the area, and Police seem powerless to do anything about it".

Ms Carney has called on the Government to demolish the units and relocate the tenants.

"Given the shortage of land for housing in Alice Springs you could use this land as a private enterprise housing development," Ms Carney said.

Below is a summary of complaints from many residents who live in the area:

- homes broken into, food and possessions stolen
- cars siphoned for fuel
- have had to call police regularly
- witness police regularly attending disturbances
- had to endure the continual fighting, noise, drunkenness, and rubbish associated with the units