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CONVERTING TOWN CAMPS TO SUBURBS NOT SO EASY

"The Government's intention to 'open up' town camps and make them 'suburbs' may not be as simple as it sounds", says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"All town camps are Special Purpose Leases, or SPLs, and have restrictions on access".

"For example, only government officers can enter town camps to provide services".

"Others, such as the media, are currently barred".

Mrs Braham has asked the Chief Minister how can the government change these provisions in the SPLs, that are leases in perpetuity, to open up the camps and make them part of the town of Alice Springs.

The Chief Minister replied that this will take some time.

Mrs Braham said "It is my opinion it may also need considerable goodwill on the part of the incorporations that own and control the leases".

"However, whether the lease owners are willing to give up their control of access is yet to be tested".

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