GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO JUSTIFY DONGA DECISION

"News that the NT Cabinet has signed off on moving 150 dongas to two sites for temporary accommodation is a slap in the face for democracy", says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"This decision ignores the 123 submissions (98% of all submissions) to the Development Consent Authority objecting to the proposal".

"It ignores scores of people voicing concerns at public meetings, and it ignores hundreds of signatures on a petition".

"It's a government snub to the people of Alice Springs".

Mrs Braham said the original proposal was for 87 dongas to be located on two sites - Len Kittle Drive and Dalgety Road.

"Minister Mal Brough now talks of 150 dongas."

"How does the government justify its decision, given the groundswell of objections?"

"Did the Development Consent Authority recommend the proposal or not? Will the government release the Authority's decision?"

"What is the point of having development proposal processes for the public to provide comment, if the government just turns around and signs off on it?".

"It makes a farce of the entire process".

"The call for more housing on communities has been ignored".

"Alice Springs residents should remember that the Member for Greatorex supported the proposal. It seems the CLP, via the Federal and NT Governments, are hand-in-hand in ignoring the wishes of the community".

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