PEOPLE POWER PACKS A PUNCH AND SENDS STRONG MESSAGE TO GOVERNMENT

“As one reporter was heard to say, 'Get down here, it's bigger than we thought!'"

"The NT Government must take notice of the huge rally supported by people against the imposition of local government reforms", says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"Their message to the Minister was straight to the point - Stop, slow down, listen, consult".

Mrs Braham said the message she received from people who protested today was that it was not in their nature to join in demonstrations.

"But they feel so left out, so unsure of their future, particularly with regard to funding and representation, that they were prepared to stand up and speak out".

"The Minister should not ignore them".

"It would be a smoother transition if government took the people with them to achieve a result they could live with".

"But his answers in question time today indicate that he intends to go ahead, at all costs".

"What cost, and to whom, Minister?"