



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Item Number:	11.01
Report Title:	Cracker Night Celebrating Territory Day
Attachments:	Nil

I, Mayor Maree Bredhauer, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 21 July 2021, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

THAT Council write to the Chief Minister requesting that the Northern Territory Government heed advice from the Bushfires Council, volunteer fire fighters, the scientific experts at Charles Darwin University and concerns of the wider community to reschedule the cracker night celebrations from 29 August 2021 to a more suitable date in April 2022.

REASON:

Many Litchfield community members have raised concerns with Council about the proposed Territory Day for 2021 being Sunday 29 August.

These concerns primarily arise because fireworks present an unacceptable level of risk to the rural area.

We have a passionate and dedicated group of volunteer firefighters that do not need any reasons to increase the level of risk during a peak fire period. Additionally, it is likely that with significant fuel loads likely to still be on the ground at this time and Gamba grass being well established across many areas throughout Litchfield, including on Crown Land, the risk to life and property if something were to go wrong would be catastrophic. There are also environmental issues with residual fireworks rubbish often ending up throughout waterways and caught in native vegetation.

We appreciate that Territory Day is a day to be proud and rejoice as a 'Territorians'. We know this well and will celebrate with pride as the rural people often do. However, Litchfield Council respectfully requests that the Northern Territory Government reconsiders holding Territory Day on Sunday 29 August 2021 and proposes an alternative option.

16 July 2021

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MAYOR