

# TOO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Business groups opposed to the haste of the Territory's local government reforms have asked the Chief Minister to withdraw the new *Local Government Act* from the October Parliamentary sittings.

"We believe this legislation is being rushed through before people have a chance to read it or consider its implications," said the Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce NT Chris Young.

The groups have also reiterated the need to slow down the implementation of the reforms and conduct proper community consultation.

The Chamber of Commerce and Cattlemen's Association have met with senior officials from the Department of the Chief Minister and Chief Minister's office on behalf of the business groups.

"We told them we were happy to sit down with the government and discuss things but we just want them to slow down," Mr Young said.

"We appreciate the fact that they listened to us. We have withdrawn a new round of newspaper advertisements we were about to launch to show good faith and the government has indicated it will get back to us in about two weeks," he said.

A paper summarising the concerns of business groups was provided to the Chief Minister (see attached).

For more information, see the campaign website at

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