I have lived in Alawa for over 35 years and myself and many other residents are very concerned by traffic on Alawa Crescent. Many have raised concerns for several years in regard to this issue so it is not a new problem , just one that it seems the Council has chosen to ignore.

This street is a fatality waiting to happen.

Cars absolutely fly along this road and there have been many accidents , some unreported as those involved have left the scene, and many, many near misses .

It is hair raising to watch as children attempt to cross this street in the morning and afternoon on their way too and from school , and cars parked on both sides of the road outside the shops cause further issues as children are forced to move between parked cars to cross the road.

Some residents have complained about this issue for several years but their concerns have fallen on deaf ears. At a recent 'pop up politician stall'  for residents to voice their concerns only one Alderman for our area showed up, and there has been no action on this matter as a result.

Obviously many feel as I do that Council has not adequately addressed this dangerous situation as a petition that was begun by a concerned resident has already reached 100 signatures and many more will be collected before handing over to Council if needed.

In a letter from a Council representative sent to a concerned citizen it was claimed that there are only a few people who speed along this street and that an increased police presence and speed display signs have made a difference . That is not so and any Alawa resident would agree with me that there has been no difference what so ever in the amount of idiots who use this road as a race track.

In this same letter it was claimed that Council might consider implementing traffic calming measures along this road dependant on securing funding which they don't have yet.

Speed bumps, a crossing near the shops ,( there was a crossing in front of the shops some years ago but it was not repainted when the road was re surfaced) and road islands need to be installed along this road as a matter of priority before  other less urgent implementations are put in place elsewhere in Alawa ,and hopefully before a serious accident or fatality has occurred.

1) Why have the concerns of the people of Alawa been ignored in relation to this matter for so many years ?

2) What was the outcome of the investigation by City of Darwin Council into the issues of speeding traffic along this road ?

Could a copy of this investigation summary be included with this answer ?

3) Do we have to wait until one of our kids are badly injured or killed before this issue is adequately addressed and acted on by Council ?

Lia Gill.