NEW LOCATION FOR SATELLITE DISH

The Northern Territory Government will find an alternative location for a satellite dish which was to be built on the grounds of the Northern Territory Open Education Centre (NTOEC).

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said he has responded to the concerns of teachers at the Open Education Centre and residents of Rapid Creek and decided not to go ahead with building the satellite dish at NTOEC.

“Independent experts have confirmed the satellite dish poses no health risk, however I am happy to find an alternative location for the dish to provide peace of mind to those concerned,” Mr Henderson said.

“The Member for Nightcliff, Jane Aagaard raised these concerns with me and I agreed to find a common sense solution.

“I’ve been working closely with my constituents and staff at the Open Education Centre,” Ms Aagaard said.

“I believe it’s in the best interest of the community to find a different location for the satellite dish.

Mr Henderson said the satellite dish will form part of a communication upgrade for remote schools and distance education students.

“Once the satellite communications network is installed 50 remote schools and 110 distance education students will have access to high speed broadband,” said Mr Henderson.

“This technology is essential for our students in the bush as it will give them access to greater resources and opportunities.

“The satellite dish is an essential part of the communications upgrade and I’m confident we can find an alternative location.”

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