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Government funds Todd River rehabilitation works

The Territory Government has given Alice Springs Town Council $400,000 funding for much-needed improvements along the Todd River, as part of the Alice in 10 Todd and Charles Rivers projects.

Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskaliis, said the work would be carried out by Council as trustees of the river reserve.

"In recent years there’s been increasing community concern over the unsightly silt and couch grass which has gathered upstream of Heavitree Gap, restricting the main channel of the river," Mr Vatskaliis said.

"The Government has funded this project to restore the Todd River to its former glory and improve its environmental condition."

Mr Vatskaliis said an Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority Certificate has been issued to cover the rehabilitation project, with traditional owners supporting the work.

The project will involve removing accumulated silt, couch grass and juvenile trees, which could lead to flooding in the future should the problem continue unaddressed.

"This funding shows the Government’s continuing commitment to addressing flooding issues in Central Australia," Mr Vatskaliis said.