THANKS FOR HARD WORK IN CYCLONE RESPONSE

Acting Chief Minister and Minister for Emergency Services Delia Lawrie thanked the many people who worked throughout the night and have continued this morning in response to Tropical Cyclone Helen.

Ms Lawrie said emergency planning and preparation work has paid off with no serious injuries reported at this stage.

“I’d like to thank on behalf of all Territorians the wonderful work of our Police, Emergency Services, Fire, Hospital, Defence, Government and Council workers and volunteers,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Many are still on the job repairing the damage from the cyclone and I thank them for their continued hard work.

“Once again Territorians involved in cyclone preparations and the response, have been professional, dedicated and effective.

“I urge people to keep following the advice from emergency services throughout the day as debris is cleared and power services are restored.

“Remain vigilant while cleaning up your yards and if you spot anything that could be dangerous, report it to the appropriate authority so it is dealt with safely.

“I’d also like to thank Territorians – Police tell me most people have done the right thing and listened to the warnings and acted accordingly.

“I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of the Bureau of Meteorology and the media organisations for doing a great job keeping Territorians informed,” Ms Lawrie said.

Cyclone Helen has eased to a tropical low and continues to track east with Nhulunbuy and the Arnhem region under a Cyclone Watch.

Residents are able to contact Police on 131 444 or 000 for emergencies.

Power and Water Corporation can be reached on 1800 245 092 for general inquiries or 1800 245 090 for emergencies.

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