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ACTING CHIEF MINISTER

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Follow The Advice Of The Experts

Acting Chief Minister and Minister for Emergency Services Delia Lawrie has urged Top End residents to closely monitor and follow the advice of emergency service personnel as Cyclone Helen tracks across the Territory.

Ms Lawrie met with members of the Counter Disaster Council this afternoon.

"With Darwin and much of the Top End now covered by a Cyclone Warning, the Counter Disaster Council is meeting and its well-practised response plans are being implemented," Ms Lawrie said.

"It’s important that all residents take final steps to secure their house and property, and know where their family and pets will shelter.

"Emergency services personnel will keep the community updated through the media on the weather situation and any necessary actions that should be taken – for everyone’s safety, it is essential that this advice is followed.

"Emergency services will advise if and when we need to take shelter, and anyone who feels uncomfortable remaining in their homes should go to their nearest public shelter.

The Police Commissioner has advised the public cyclone shelters will be open from 6pm.

A full checklist on preparing for a cyclone is available from the NT Emergency Services web site at www.emergency.nt.gov.au.

"Taking the time to prepare, and following the advice of emergency personnel is the best way to keep your family safe," said Ms Lawrie.

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