Chief Minister Praises Alice Storm Recovery

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today paid tribute to emergency workers, police, council workers and the Alice Springs community for their response to Monday’s storm.

Speaking in Alice Springs with Mayor Damien Ryan, Mr Henderson said it was great effort from all involved.

“When you consider an estimated 85% of the town lost power on Monday, people have worked together tremendously well in getting things almost back to normal,” Mr Henderson said.

“Thankfully there were no injuries, despite trees being brought down across Alice and buildings being damaged.

“My latest advice is that some 190 homes still need to be re-connected to power, with many of these suffering some structural damage making reconnection more difficult.

“I would also like to recognise the patience of the residents of Alice while work was done to restore power.

“The way communities respond cooperatively to such challenges is a great trait of Territorians and this storm has been no exception.”

Mr Henderson said he particularly wanted to recognise Northern Territory Emergency Service (NTES) workers, police who kept the initial response calm, Alice Springs Council workers and Power and Water staff, some of whom travelled from Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek to help.

“NTES workers have responded to more than 80 calls and hope to have their work finished by tomorrow night,” he said.

“Power and Water crews have been working around the clock to restore power, and Council staff has cleared away tons of debris.”

Mr Henderson urged anyone who was without power to call Power and Water on 1800 245 092.

“Reports of lost power are still coming in and Power and Water need to know where power is still out.”

As well as Mayor Damien Ryan, Mr Henderson met residents affected by the storm, Power and Water and NTES crews and Police command during his trip to Alice.

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