A temporary switchboard has now been installed at the Casuarina Zone Substation to replace the one damaged as a result of the failed circuit breaker in September 2008.

“The replacement of this switchboard means the substation will be back to the standard it was before the failure,” Essential Services Minister Rob Knight said.

“Mervyn Davies, one of Australia’s leading industry experts, is investigating the failures at the Casuarina Zone Substation.

“Mr Davies Preliminary Report recommended that immediate action be taken to replace the 11kv switchboard.

“Power and Water acted upon that recommendation and have been working to commission the new switchboard.”

The Preliminary Report also addressed technical root causes of the failure, and provided recommendations to conduct rigorous condition assessments of all Zone Substation Distribution Switchboards throughout the Territory.

“Power and Water are in the process of conducting assessments of all switchboards around the Territory and have undertaken a thermal scan of all equipment at the Casuarina Zone Substation and condition tested and performed maintenance on all equipment.

“The 11kv transformer and 66kv transformer were also serviced in readiness for the switchboard.

“The new switchboard will now provide the security needed to return the back-up generators.
“I now look forward to receiving Mr Davies more extensive report into Power and Waters maintenance program, for switchboards and substations.

“What needs to be done to provide the best possible power system for Territorians will be done,” Mr Knight said.

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