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Chief Minister Announces Support for Alice Mosque

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today announced funding of $130,000 to improve the Alice Springs Islamic Society Mosque.

Mr Henderson the funding would go towards extension of the prayer building and followed an earlier Territory Government contribution of $50,000 to improve car parking and driveway access.

"It’s great to see these improvements underway at the Mosque which is a tremendous asset for Alice," Mr Henderson said.

“My Government is a proud supporter of the Islamic community here in Alice, which is an important part of the cultural fabric of the region and has been for generations.

“The cultural diversity of the Territory is one of our greatest strengths and it's a tribute to Northern Territorians that so many cultures can live in harmony.”

Mr Henderson said the Government had also supported this Islamic Society’s activities during national Islamic Awareness Week.

“The highlights of the week in Alice included an open day at the Mosque, which encouraged residents to meet members of the Muslim community and visit the mosque.

“These events are important in further strengthening community harmony and creating greater understanding across our diverse cultural communities.”
Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton, said the Muslim community was an important part of Alice Springs and the region.

“The Muslim community has made a great contribution to Central Australia in the past, and to the present day and I’m delighted we are able to show this support for our Muslim community.”

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