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NTG Public Servants to assist in Queensland Flood Emergency

The Territory Government today announced public servants who wish to volunteer in Queensland will be granted leave with pay.

Acting Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the extraordinary floods in Queensland have seen an unprecedented 80 per cent of the state declared a disaster zone.

“As flood conditions worsen, the Territory Government continues to offer any assistance to the Queensland Government to help those affected by the floods,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Territorians have a proud history of supporting those in need and it is only fitting that we offer help to Queenslanders during the floods and clean up.

“Today I am announcing that public servants who are volunteers with organisations such as the Australian Red Cross who wish to help communities and people in Queensland will be granted leave with pay.

“Public servants who aren’t volunteers can also register with the Red Cross to help with the flood efforts.

“Territorians know only too well the impact that natural disasters such as floods and cyclones can have on communities and know they will be willing to lend a hand if needed.”

“I also encourage Territorians to show their support by donating to the Queensland Premiers Flood Relief Appeal.”

Ms Lawrie said Northern Territory Emergency Services crews were also on standby to assist the relief effort if requested by the Queensland Government.
“Queenslanders are resilient and proud people and I am sure that with time and appropriate support they will be able to overcome these tragic floods and rebuild their lives,” she said.

Ms Lawrie said the Northern Territory Government has already donated $500,000 to the Queensland Premiers Flood Relief Appeal.

Territorians can donate to the Queensland Premier’s Disaster Relief Appeal at http://www.qld.gov.au/floods or by calling 1800 219 028 to make a donation by credit card.

People wishing to register as volunteers can contact the Red Cross on (08) 8924 3900.

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