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Additional Resources To Provide Relief For Southern Region Bush Fires

Chief Minister Paul Henderson has announced the Government is preparing to send additional resources to support fire-fighting efforts around Alice Springs.

He said these resources would be in addition to six rural-based volunteer fire-fighters sent from Darwin to Alice Springs earlier today.

Additional fire-fighters are expected to leave Darwin tomorrow.

Mr Henderson said the situation in Alice Springs is currently under control and is being closely monitored.

“Following the Counter Disaster Committee meeting this afternoon it has been decided that additional resources will be sent to provide vital relief to our people on the ground who have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks to contain numerous bush fires in the region,” Mr Henderson said.

“I also understand that as a precautionary measure, additional resources may be requested from other jurisdictions if required in the coming days.”

“We want to bolster resources due to the unpredictable nature of bush fires and the high fuel loads in the area.

“I want to acknowledge the work of fire fighters and volunteers who are continuing to work very hard to keep our communities safe.”

Mr Henderson said that fire-protection measures put in place earlier this year were playing a vital role in the current fire-fighting efforts around Alice Springs.

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