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DOWN-PAYMENT TO STOP FLOODING

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The Country Liberals have announced a $1.5million down-payment on flood mitigation works around Rapid Creek.

Country Liberals leader, Terry Mills, said regular flooding in the Rapid Creek corridor damaged property and affected families and households in Millner and Rapid Creek.

The funding is a first step towards reducing the flood risk during extreme weather events in the Top End.

“A hydrology review is currently being conducted around Rapid Creek, and the Country Liberals look forward to the recommendations contained within that report,” Mr Mills said.

“What is clear is that flooding has a significant impact on families and blocks traffic access in the Rapid Creek corridor.

“This can be particularly disruptive to emergency services such as ambulance and police.

“The Country Liberals candidate for Johnston, Jo Sangster, has been extensively door-knocking the area and is well aware of resident concerns about the recurrence of floods in the area.

“The $1.5million commitment will be a first step towards funding future works pending the outcome of the hydrology review.”

Ms Sangster said if elected to represent the Johnston community, she will...
consult with Government, City of Darwin and the community to deliver practical outcomes that reduce the impact of flooding on households.

“We can't do anything about the weather, but we can take steps to stop family homes in Millner and Rapid Creek being flooded and roads from being blocked,” she said.

“If the Country Liberals are in Government when the Rapid Creek hydrology review is released, the recommendations will be assessed and an action plan developed to ensure the outcomes meet community requirements.”

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