CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR BUSHFIRES NT

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The Country Liberals Government has backed Bushfires NT and reaffirmed $1 million funding in Budget 2013 for wildfire suppression.

Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick, said funding like this should be seen as an investment in the protection of land and life.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to supporting the prevention of bushfires,” Ms Purick said.

“With a growing population in the Darwin rural area this funding is more important than ever.

“This budget is about taking responsible action and this funding will go a long way to responsibly preventing the risk of fire.

“Bushfires have devastating impacts; they pose a serious threat to land, life and the environment.”

Member for Daly, Gary Higgins, said that now it is dry season it is particularly important to clear fire breaks and remove objects that may be a fire risk.

“I remind everyone - don't flick your cigarette butts out your car window, it's bad for the environment and a huge fire risk,” Mr Higgins said.

“The Country Liberals Government’s recent injection of an extra $1 million will allow for more use of specialised fixed wing firefighting aircraft and helicopters. This aerial response capacity has become a vital cog in Bushfires NT’s strategy to protect lives and assets from the extreme fires fuelled by gamba grass.

“I congratulate and thank all Bushfires NT volunteers and employees who do an amazing job often in testing situations.”

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