Work begins on clearing Ludmilla drain

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Work commenced today on clearing the drain that runs behind Ludmilla Primary School Oval to improve drainage and reduce local mosquito activity.

Member for Fong Lim, Dave Tollner, committed the Country Liberals to cleaning the drain during the 2012 election campaign.

“This is great news for nearby residents. The drain is currently silted up and this causes standing water, which in turn creates a mosquito problem for the residents of Ludmilla,” Mr Tollner said.

“Come this Wet Season, I’m sure the local residents will not miss the clouds of mozzies created by this non-functioning drain. I’ve been lobbying my Ministerial colleagues on the need to rectify this situation and I’m delighted to have delivered this vital work.”

The area is low lying Crown land and subject to tidal activity but while water pushes up the drain during large high tides, the silt created by the urban runoff makes it difficult for the water to run back out of the drain, creating pools of standing water.

The works commencing today will take about two weeks to complete and will remove that silt and treat it if necessary.

Mr Tollner said the project will be assessed after the Wet Season to gauge whether it has been successful in restoring tidal movement to the drain.

“Government has also engaged specialist environment and engineering experts to assess the drainage and plan the most effective clearing measures whilst minimising impact on the local environment,” he said.

Local residents have been advised of the clearance work through letterbox drops and briefings to key stakeholders such as the local Landcare group and Ludmilla Primary School.

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