Chief Minister

Floods mitigation focus for Alice Springs

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An Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee (ASFMAC) will be formed to develop and recommend effective flood mitigation initiatives in the local area, the Country Liberals Government announced today.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said a comprehensive local approach to flooding solutions was needed to tackle and manage the flooding hazard risk.

“Flooding can have an enormous impact on our economy and can debilitate businesses and surrounding communities,” Mr Giles said.

“The formation of the ASFMAC is designed to plan for the future infrastructure projects required to reduce the flood risk in Alice Springs.

“Following on from the successful development of flood mitigation strategies by the Darwin and Katherine Flood Mitigation Advisory Committees, the formation of an ASFMAC will provide the same approach to develop and implement flood mitigation initiatives.

“The ASFMAC will be tasked with providing recommendations to Government on measures to reduce the risk of flood events, including the risk to public safety.

“A broader strategic plan for flood mitigation will take into account the flood immunity works already underway, including the Sadadeen Connector Road, Mt John’s Valley flood access and studies into the Stuart Highway duplication through Heavitree Gap.

“The ASFMAC will have community, business and council representation, with administrative and technical support from Government departments.”

Community representation to the Committee will be determined through expressions of interest. Advertisements will be placed in the Centralian Advocate from the week commencing 7 December calling community members to nominate.

Expressions of interest will be open for a period of two weeks, closing at 9am on 21 December 2015. Individuals who are either directly affected by flooding, active in representing their flood affected community or have other qualifying factors, such as experience in dealing with the impact of floods are encouraged to nominate.

Funding for flood mitigation works will be determined once the ASFMAC has finalised its recommendations.

“Ultimately we need to lessen the impact of flooding and I look forward to a range of interested members of the public putting forward their nomination to join the committee,” Mr Giles said.

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