New e-bulletin to detail progress of Darwin Flood Mitigation works

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Territorians will be able to follow the progress of flood mitigation works in Darwin with the launch of the Darwin flood mitigation works e-bulletin.

Lands and Planning Minister David Tollner said the monthly update will cover the flood mitigation projects recommended in the Darwin Region Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Report.

“The Northern Territory Government has been proactive in addressing flood mitigation and we’re working hard to implement the Report’s recommendations,” he said.

“Recommendations range from improvements to policy and strategy to structural mitigation works for flood prone areas.

“Work is also progressing quickly given it’s usual for complex infrastructure to take three years to deliver.”

Flood mitigation works began in Darwin in August last year, and will continue throughout the 2016 Dry Season.

Works completed so far include:

- A total of 700 tonnes of debris was cleared from the local stormwater network in the Narrows and 18,000 tonnes of silt was removed from the Ludmilla Creek trunk drain
- Clearing of the trunk drain in Ludmilla Creek to allow incoming storm water to discharge more efficiently into the trunk drainage system, reducing the risk of flooding in the Narrows
- A culvert has been constructed under the Tiger Brennan duplication in preparation for the Sadgroves trunk drain
- Power and Water Corp has installed six backflow prevention devices in Rapid Creek properties affected by the surcharge of sewer mains during monsoonal rain. The remaining 12 will be installed in April
- At Marrara, concept designs for the detention basin on the corner of Henry Wrigley and McMillans Road will be complete in late February
Upcoming works will include:

- Construction of a holding basin on Dwyer Park in the Narrows and new drain to Sadgroves Creek will start in July.

- At Rapid Creek - negotiations with the Department of Defence to transfer the Flood Control Weir at Yankee Pools and a lease is likely to be secured by June.

- Residents in identified areas will be notified ahead of specific structural mitigation works commencing.

“We allocated $25 million for flood mitigation works in Darwin and none of these works would have been possible without funding from the sale of TIO,” Mr Tollner said.

“The NT Government made a commitment to mitigate flood-prone areas of the Northern Territory and we’re delivering on those promises.”

To subscribe to the Darwin e-bulletin please register your interest at flood.mitigation@nt.gov.au.

Development of an e-bulletin for the Katherine food mitigation works is due to commence soon.

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