Dale Wakefield, Member for Braitling

Final Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Report now online

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The Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee was established in February 2016 to develop a strategy for flood mitigation to improve community safety, and reduce the damage, disruption and costs associated with major flood events in Alice Springs.

A draft Report was made available for public comment in 2016, and Member for Braitling Dale Wakefield said the final Report is now available online.

“Flooding in the Territory can create many issues, from community safety to the transportation of goods and disruption of services, so it’s important to ensure our major towns and cities have strong mitigation strategies in place,” Ms Wakefield said.

“For Alice Springs, due to its proximity to the CBD, the normally-dry Todd River can cause major disruption and damage during a flood event.

“The Report makes a number of recommendations towards a policy framework for managing the flood risk in Alice Springs.

“As a local I know how frustrating it can be when several crossings flood across town, however this is about more than being inconvenienced on your way to work; it’s about mitigating risk and better preparing our town infrastructure in case of serious flooding.

“The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics will undertake preliminary investigations including obtaining the topographic data required for digital testing of structural mitigation measures to better inform future decisions. The topographic data will be obtained in the second half of 2017.

“As a local member, I’d like to thank the members of the Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee for their considerable efforts in bringing this report together, and in particular, Mayor Damien Ryan as Chair of the committee,” Ms Wakefield said.

Members of the Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee are:

- Mayor Damien Ryan, Chair
- Michael Sitzler
The final Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Report is available at: https://dipl.nt.gov.au/lands-and-planning/flood-mitigation/alice-springs-region

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