Member for Barkly Elliot McAdam has welcomed a second wave of measures to eliminate the threat of dengue mosquitoes in Tennant Creek.

An extra $1 million will be spent to eradicate the dangerous mosquitoes and survey of the rest of the Northern Territory for possible outbreaks.

Mr McAdam said this will involve a major elimination program in the lead-up to the rainy season:

“House to house inspections of all 1100 properties for larvae will be conducted and mosquito and egg traps will be set.”

“There will also be insecticide treatment and elimination of dengue mosquito breeding sites.”

“Other measures will include; limited fogging to control adult mosquitoes, treatment of rainwater tanks, continued recording and evaluation using specialised trapping techniques and repeated survey and treatment of premises.”

“This is a serious threat, and it's been treated seriously by the Martin Government from day one, and will continue to do so,” McAdam.

The dengue mosquito was discovered in Tennant Creek earlier in February this year the Territory Government launched a co-ordinated and concerted campaign to control the outbreak.
The elimination program included a media program, distributing cans of surface spray to all properties in Tennant Creek, a fogging operation of the town, and a door-to-door program to survey and treat all receptacles with a residual insecticide.

Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne said these measures will be consolidated and expanded.

“The first priority is to ensure the threat is eliminated in Tennant Creek – the second priority is to ensure it doesn't spread to any other part of the Territory, Dr Toyne said.

Intense lobbing of the Commonwealth by the Northern Territory Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne has secured a $1 million funding from the Department of Health and Ageing.