Our unhealthy Territory

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SEA OF RED: Graphics from the report showing comparisons between death rates in the Territory, Tasmania and Victoria. Red represents more than 20 per cent greater than major capital cities.

Study shows NT men keeling over at an alarming rate

By ALYSSA BETTS

NORTHERN Territory blokes, driven from Darwin to Umbakumba die at a higher rate than those who live in the average major Australian city, a national health report reveals today.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's A Snapshot of Men's Health in Regional and Remote Australia paints a stark picture for all Territory fellas, regardless of their address.

Mortality rates in 2004-06 for men across all parts of the Territory was — at the very least — more than 20 per cent higher than that recorded in major cities.

Northern Territory mortality rates ranged from just over 20 per cent higher in Litchfield and up to 270 per cent higher in Bathurst-Melville.

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