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New Mammogram Unit Should Be Available for All

Women in Central Australia will benefit from a new replacement mammography unit to be installed in the Alice Springs Hospital, says the Independent Member for Braitling, Loraine Braham.

The new unit is transportable and will be used in regional centres within the Territory.

"This is very good news for women and I welcome the Northern Territory Government's allocation of funds".

"However, more can be done to reach those women who are not able to attend urban centres to have a mammogram".

Mrs Braham says Yulara is just one community where there are many women who would benefit from using the transportable unit.

"There are thousands of Aboriginal women who would have difficulty in travelling to an urban centre to have the test. They should not have to miss out".

"The mammogram unit is transportable so it should be transported to as many remote areas as possible".

Mrs Braham said she would also like to hear the Minister for Health give details about how often the unit will be sent to regional areas and whether more staff will be employed to operate the unit.

"A state-of-the-art unit should be utilised to its maximum. The government should offer no less to the people of the Territory".

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