



Northern Territory Government

Completion of Katherine flood study

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The Katherine Flood Study which followed the disastrous Katherine flood of Australia Day 1998 has been completed and will be employed immediately in the planning process .

The Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Tim Baldwin, said today the newly-completed flood study had produced refined flood levels for the one in 100 flood event.

Depending on location, these are between 100 millimetres and 350 millimetres below the flood levels used in preliminary 1999 documents.



Soon after 1998 flood, interim flood mapping was prepared based on early advice from consultants carrying out the study.

A pamphlet was released in 1999 to inform residents of the new levels on which planning and building requirements were to be based.

Now, a new brochure showing the new levels has been produced. It will be available from July 19 from the electorate offices of the Member for Katherine and the Member for Victoria River, as well as from the Katherine Office of Lands, Planning and Environment and the Katherine Town Council.

"The new flood levels will be used immediately under the provisions of the Building and Planning Acts," Mr Baldwin said.

"I have a clear responsibility to apply appropriate building and planning control measures in flood-prone areas to minimise risk to people and property," he said.

"The new designated flood levels will mean changes to the minimum floor levels for new residential buildings.

"Reasonable consideration will be given to allowing exemptions for extensions to existing dwellings, provided appropriate flood proofing measures are in place."

Mr Baldwin urged all Katherine residents to obtain a copy of the new document.

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