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Minister for Justice**

**The Hon Peter Chandler MLA
Northern Territory Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services**

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Further disaster assistance following Cyclone Lam in Northern Territory

Commonwealth Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and Northern Territory Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Peter Chandler today announced that disaster assistance has been extended to the Shire of Victoria-Daly in response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Lam.

Mr Keenan said that this assistance is being provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-state/territory Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

“The local council will now be able to apply for funding to fix eligible essential infrastructure, such as roads, damaged by the cyclone,” Mr Keenan said.

“As the full impacts of the cyclone become known, it is clear that additional assistance for this community is needed. This assistance will help the local council with the costs incurred undertaking critical public infrastructure works,” Mr Chandler said.

“The sooner this infrastructure is back to normal, the sooner Territorians will be able to go about their lives as normal.”

“The Australian and Northern Territory governments will continue to work together to ensure disaster affected communities have all the support they need to recover,” Mr Keenan said.

Information regarding the assistance available can be found on the Australian Government’s Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au and on the Northern Territory Government’s emergency information and response website at www.securent.nt.gov.au.

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