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## **SCRYMGOUR VISITS EVACUATED COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Environment Minister and Member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour is today visiting the community of Jabiru and her constituents of Goulbourn Island who were evacuated to Pine Creek as Cyclone Monica tore through.

"I will be talking to residents of Jabiru who are returning to normal and inspecting some of the damage caused in town by Cyclone Monica," Ms Scrymgour said.

"As Local Member my priority is to make sure residents are doing ok and have access to services in the area. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Emergency Services, Defence Forces and local community volunteers for their tremendous efforts.

"I plan to talk to the residents of Warruwi (Goulbourn Island) who were evacuated to Pine Creek on Monday. I know they will be eager to return to their home and their lives, and I want to ensure that happens as quickly and practically as possible.

"Thanks also to the pilots and bus drivers who helped transport everyone to safety."

Ms Scrymgour yesterday visited Maningrida and Oenpelli with the Chief Minister, Clare Martin.

"These areas were the hardest hit, however the NT Government, residents and local councils are working together to ensure services are restored as soon as possible.

"Emergency relief funding is available to communities who have been affected by Cyclone Monica, and I encourage locals in need of help to seek assistance."

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