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If any money is spent at Gove let it be on a renewable source, not hundreds of kilometres of pipeline.

**Richard Bentley, Araluen**

### **NO RAPID RESPONSE TO QUERY ON CREEK**

LAST week the NT Government marked over 100 trees in the channel of Rapid Creek with pink paint.

They have told us they are collecting data for scientific surveys in relation to flood mitigation (Minister 'caught out' on trees, September 28 and Barking up wrong trees, September 26).

I can find no evidence that removing vegetation will reduce the incidence of houses being flooded in the suburbs surrounding Rapid Creek.

I have emailed Minister Styles requesting information on the rationale for conducting such a survey. To my disappointment I am still waiting for a response.

The NT Government website, tenders awarded, states the NT Government has spent \$215,000 on three expert consultancies to investigate options to address flooding of Rapid Creek since early 2012. I guess we will never know how many hours public servants have spent working on this issue over the past years.

The knee-jerk reactions need to stop. The NT Government needs to release the findings of these consultan-

cies and stop wasting taxpayers' money investigating tree removal as a flood mitigation option.

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### **IT'S HARD TO GET REAL BARRA ON YOUR PLATE**

I REFER to Shaun's letter to the *NT News*, September 28, regarding his problem of getting NT barra on his plate in the NT and I agree with him 100 per cent.

I have only been a resident of Darwin for 48 years and barramundi is by far my favourite fish.

This past 15 years or so it has been almost impossible to order and eat barramundi in the majority of outlets around our town.

I have taken samples of the so-called "barra" fillets to the water police who advised they were unable to verify if barra was served to me, because it had been cooked.

A retired policeman told me one night that almost all cafes, restaurants and other outlets have a packet of barra in their freezer, because if they get a complaint from a customer the outlet will always say that the chef picked the wrong packet of fish!

I know a few barra fishermen around town. These people endure some of the most horrible sea conditions to make it easy for you to enjoy one of the world's best-tasting fish, but unfortunately the "greedy sharks" around serve up "substitute s\*\*\*" to tourists as barra and they then tell their friends "barra is not real special"!

In conclusion, is there a reason why diners in Darwin cannot order barramundi and get it served to them?

**Colin Blair**