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What may be lurking here?

THE NT Government's refusal to release the scientific report into flooding at Rapid Creek begs the question – what has it got to hide?

Why not release the study that was put together – at a cost of around \$750,000 – by the hydrology consultants?

Instead, Minister Peter Chandler says the government will develop its own "action plan" based on this plan, others commissioned in the past and input from the community – who have not seen the results of this study.

In the lead-up to the 2012 election, the CLP promised \$1.5 million to look into measures to help prevent flooding of homes along Rapid Creek after the freakish rainfall of Cyclone Carlos in 2011.

To many residents in the flood zone, this would have come as a huge relief.

Now, they are being told that they will not be privy to expert advice they – as taxpayers – helped pay for and instead have to rely on information the Government sees fit to release.

The Government says most of the suggested solutions are too costly and would have negligible effect on water levels.

Not only that, Mr Chandler has written to residents telling them that an "awareness campaign" is one of the things being looked at.

No doubt, the people who lie awake at night listening to the rain on their roof or checking the BOM website do not need help to be "more aware".

This issue has been badly handled by the CLP. The Government should just release the report. Let's hear what the experts have to say.