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Collingwood Park subsidence - update

- The subsidence zone is within the yellow line on the aerial map at www.dme.qld.gov.au, and the effects of the subsidence are largely within this zone.
- The outline of the main subsidence zone includes those areas influenced by the subsidence, and have some settling occurring, although at a lesser rate.
- As of Tuesday night, the critical areas within the subsidence zone had stabilised. There was movement of 2-3cm in this area, which has reduced significantly.
- The Department is focusing its initial response on those residents and homes within the subsidence zone, and will continue to respond as quickly as possible to concerned residents in nearby areas.
- Structural inspections are in progress on buildings by the contracted structural engineers, and DME is expecting that eight houses will have had initial structural inspections by the end of today.
- General inspections will continue to address properties identified as being affected by subsidence.
- Priority for inspections is focused on properties that are located within the subsidence zone (see map on DME homepage: www.dme.qld.gov.au)
- Building reports on properties within the subsidence area at Collingwood Park will be completed as soon as possible, and decisions on future actions related to these properties will be worked through with the owners and the residents involved.
- The investigation area (where survey monitoring is taking place) is broader than the survey area. Technical staff will continue to check for any movement outside the subsidence zone.
- Council officers are continuing daily survey monitoring.
- DME officers will continue to be on-site to conduct site inspections and liaise with residents in the nearby areas.

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