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Collingwood park subsidence – update

- The subsidence zone remains 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.
- Seven residents asked to be moved from the homes to alternative accommodation and this has been done.
- Survey monitoring at the end of today (2 May) indicates the subsidence has stabilised in the whole affected area.
- The contracted structural inspectors inspected nine houses today, bringing the total number of inspections to date to 17.
- 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 subsidence response team is continuing to attend to enquiries.
- Ipswich City Council surveyors have widened the monitoring area to cover a larger area.
- Today Ipswich water staff shut down certain mains in the affected area and water is being supplied in temporary flexible pipes above-ground to affected houses.
- DME officers will continue to be on-site over the long weekend to conduct site inspections and liaise with residents in the nearby areas.

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