



MEDIA RELEASE

Snakes Found In Suburban Unit

A bad smell emanating from a Darwin unit has sparked a Parks and Wildlife Service investigation that has so far recovered about 32 dead reptiles.

A further eight reptiles were found, barely alive.

Parks and Wildlife Service senior wildlife officer Ray Chatto said the circumstances prompting the investigation were unique.

“I have never seen anything quite like this before,” Mr Chatto said.

“I was called to the unit on Wednesday afternoon after reports of a bad smell.

“I found a large number of snakes and goannas, most of which were dead, while those that managed to survive are now being cared for.

“At this stage we are yet to formally interview anyone which prevents me from revealing more at this stage and to do so might compromise the investigation.”

Media Note _ An update will be provided once the investigation progresses.

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