

From: Steven Miles [Steven.Miles@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 21 October 2016 2:52 PM
To: miles.steven@gmail.com
Subject:

To assist we are proposing you send a letter to [s47(3)(b)] Content below for your consideration. This gives an undertaking to review the values of the land to assess its significance in terms of protected area and grazing impacts. Once you have this (we are proposing this be done by someone outside NPSR like the Herbarium) you can then consider next steps. Running in parallel will be the process attached to your policy options for grazing. I have looked at the cab decision on grazing and I think what is being proposed is a material policy change that will require you taking a sub. The [s.47(3)(b)] letter gives a review process in the interim. Proposed Letter below. Tamara

Dear [s.47(3)(b)]

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding your grazing term lease on Grongah National Park.

I appreciate the extensive history you have provided of the arrangements that have existed on the [s.47(3)(b)] property and the [s.47(3)(b) - personal information] I have also noted your view that the grazing lease area does not contain significant environmental values and has been subject to grazing for an extended period.

To assist with informing future decisions on your grazing authority I have requested an independent assessment be undertaken of the environmental values that exist on your grazing lease area. I have asked that you be provided the opportunity to contribute to the process.

I understand you have been liaising with Mr Ben Klaassen, Deputy Director General, QPWS and have requested Mr Klaassen continue to liaise with you and ensure you are informed on progress of the assessment process.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Philip Halton, Chief of Staff in my office on (07) 3719 7330.

Yours sincerely

DR STEVEN MILES MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and
Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef

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To:
<damien.walker@dtesb.qld.gov.au<<mailto:damien.walker@dtesb.qld.gov.au>>>
Subject: Whole of Government Key Messaging as at 27/03/2017 05:00

Dear Mr Damien Walker,

Please see attached Whole of Government Key Messaging as at 27/03/2017 05:00.

If you require any further information, please contact the SDCC Public Information Capability as undersigned.

Regards,

State Disaster Coordination Centre | Public Information Capability
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
Level 2, State Disaster Management Centre, Kedron
GPO Box 1425 Brisbane QLD 4001
P: (07) 3635 1582 | E: sdcc@qfes.qld.gov.au<<mailto:sdcc@qfes.qld.gov.au>>

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Key Messaging

Report Time

27/03/2017 05:00

Report ID

R7242922

Event

Tropical Cyclone Debbie - Operation Fortitude March 2017

Key Messaging

- As at 4am Tropical Cyclone Debbie is a category 2 system and the bureau expects it to cross the Queensland coast between Townsville and Proserpine early Tuesday morning as a Category 4 system.
- This is predicted to be a very dangerous storm. The Bureau of Meteorology has indicated we have not had a cyclone of this size in Queensland since Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi.
- The risk of storm surge in low lying areas is significant. Residents in parts of the Burdekin, Whitsunday and Townsville Local Disaster Management Group areas have been directed to leave from this morning. Emergency Alert messages have been sent to these areas.
- Anyone in a storm tide risk area who has been directed to leave should vacate this morning. If you are not sure if you live in an area at risk of storm surge check your local council website.
- If you are in an area which is subject to directed evacuations you should stay with family or friends who are not in the impact zones. If you do not have any family or friends outside of the impact zones, your local council has provided information on evacuation centres. This information is available on council websites.
- Now is the time to finalise your preparations. You will not be able to make any preparations from this afternoon. Make sure you are ready for the days ahead.
- You should have an emergency kit with food and water, medication, essential documents and other items as well as an evacuation plan prepared, and remember to check on your neighbours and elderly family members.
- BOM has predicted this system will still be a cyclone when it reaches Charters Towers. Residents in Charters Towers and nearby areas should be taking steps to prepare and secure their property now.
- Widespread daily rainfall totals of 200 mm, with isolated falls of 400 mm, are also likely to lead to major river flooding over a broad area next week.
- A flood watch is now in place for the coastal catchments between Cairns and Gladstone, and gale force winds are expected to increase this evening between Ayr and Mackay, and extending south to St Lawrence.
- High tides are also forecast for between Lucinda and Mackay as the cyclone approaches the coast. Remember, it is not possible to shelter from a storm surge.
- Contact has been made with residents living in remote communities where there is limited shelter, and evacuation arrangements are being made.
- Finalise your preparations this morning. For residents in Townsville, sandbags are available from Council, and arrangements to replenish food and fuel supplies are well advanced.
- There are flight cancellations impacting Townsville, Hamilton Island, Mackay and Whitsunday Coast (Proserpine) airports. Airlines are providing updates on the official websites in regards to flight status and cancellations.
- We are working with our State and Local Government partners to keep communities safe. More than 1000 personnel, as well as the Australian Defence Force, have been deployed or are on standby to deploy to the region.

- Avoid unnecessary road travel. Multiple roads are already closed or have restrictions in place due to heavy rainfall and flooding. Check the Department of Transport and Main Roads website for the most up to date information and remember, if it's flooded, forget it.
- For storm and flood assistance, contact the SES on 132 500 and in a life threatening emergency call Triple Zero.

Sub Issue

Evacuations

- **Burdekin** Local Disaster Management Group have issued a directed evacuation of residents in Alva Beach, Groper Creek, Jerona, Wunjunga and some areas of Rita Island.
 - Residents should seek shelter with friends or family in safer places, to remove yourself from the Storm Tide risk. The Place of Refuge at the Ayr Showgrounds will be opened on Monday 27 March, 2017 at 8am as a place of last resort.
- **Whitsunday** Local Disaster Management Group have issued a directed evacuation of residents in low-lying areas in the Whitsunday Region. For more information about evacuation zones visit the Whitsunday Regional Council website and Facebook page.
 - Residents of the Red and Yellow zone should seek shelter with friends or family in the Blue or White zones to remove yourself from the Storm Tide risk. If you are unable to evacuate, the Cyclone Shelters in Bowen and Proserpine will be opened on Monday as a last resort. Visit the Whitsunday Regional Council website for maps.
 - Bowen Cyclone Shelter is located at Bowen Cyclone Shelter, Bowen State High School, Richmond Road, Bowen. Proserpine Cyclone Shelter is located at Proserpine State School, Sterry Street, Proserpine
- **Townsville** Disaster Management Group have issued a directed evacuation of residents living in the Cape Cleveland area – including Cungulla and Cleveland Palms are directed to evacuate.
 - Residents should not go to the AIMS facility on Cape Cleveland Rd as it is deemed not suitable for a Category 3 cyclone.
 - People who have no other alternative accommodation can call the Townsville Disaster Coordination Centre on 1800 738 541 for advice.
- A voluntary evacuation has been arranged for the areas of **Home Hill, Ayr** and surrounds.
 - To facilitate the evacuation, nine buses have been organised to move people from Home Hill Train Station and Ayr Train Station.
 - People wishing to be evacuated can register from 7:30am at the relevant train station.
 - Any persons who are unable to attend the relevant Train station due to disability or immobility are to contact 1800 738 541.

Health:

- Townsville Health and Hospital Service advise linen, food, water, pharmaceutical, and blood supplies are fully stocked.

Government agency Deployment:

- A total of 71 additional QFES personnel including the Disaster Assistance Response Team have been deployed and are ready to respond.
- Total QFES staff in the region is 102.
- Around 100 QPS officers and other staff from across the state have been identified to deploy to the Far North or Townsville Districts to complement local crews as necessary.
- The Ambulance Service is pre-deploying 25 staff to Townsville and Mackay and the State Ambulance Coordination Centre (SACC) has been stood up.
- Queenslanders can download the Self Recovery app for information about preparing for the cyclone and available assistance.
- The Queensland Reconstruction Authority has deployed regional liaison officers to Cairns, Townsville and Mackay to provide specialist support to local disaster management groups and councils.
- The Australian Defence Force has been stood up and is ready to deploy teams to affected areas.
- SES personnel are assisting the QPS in door knocking in Bowen, Proserpine and Airlie Beach.

Electricity:

- Ergon Energy has been stood up and is making preparations. 800 energy workers including North Queensland-based employees and contractor resources are ready to respond. An additional 75 Energex staff were deployed from Brisbane today, with 130 extra Energex staff will deploy tomorrow.
- Communities reliant on Ergon have sufficient fuel supplies in place.
- Generation assets are being moved closer to the likely impact zones.
- Powerlink has been stood up.

Telecommunication:

- NBN has reminded residents and businesses that equipment connected over the NBN network will not work during a power blackout.

Education:

- More than 100 Schools, TAFEs, Early Childhood Education and Care Services are closed in the region tomorrow. Visit the Department of Education's closure website at <http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/>
- Townsville, Ayr and Mackay campuses of James Cook University will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Housing and Public Works:

- Over 336 staff are on standby for deployment, including 143 Housing and Homelessness Services staff and 193 Building and Asset Services staff.
- Queenslanders needing emergency housing assistance can call 1800 004 495.

RSPCA

- RSPCA Townsville have called upon foster care homes to help assist pets in care and RSPCA Mackay are still sourcing foster carers to assist with pets needing temporary care.

Red Cross

- Red Cross has activated the Register-Find-Reunite system for tracking evacuation affected persons. Residents and concerned friends and family can visit <https://register.redcross.org.au/>.

Airports:

Key Messaging

- Some Virgin, Jetstar and Qantas flights in and out of Townsville, Mackay, Hamilton Island and Whitsunday Coast (Proserpine) airports have been cancelled for Monday and Tuesday.

Roads and rail:

- Roads will be impacted as the weather hits. Visit <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/> to check for road closures before embarking on any journey.
- The rail line between Bowen and Townsville will be closed today.

Marine Ports:

- Maritime Safety Queensland has closed ports between Townsville and Hay Point.

Flood Messaging:

- We have already seen some wet conditions in the past week, and further rainfall will result in flooding. Motorists remember, if it's flooded, forget it.
- If you do have to travel, always have a Plan B, including finding alternative routes in case roads are flooded.
- The most important destination is the one you get to safely, so heed warnings and avoid unnecessary travel on the roads in the event of heavy rainfall.
- Weather conditions can change rapidly, and Queenslanders need to pay close attention to weather reports and local conditions to stay informed.
- Stay up to date with current weather conditions by visiting www.bom.gov.au and www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au for road closures.
- For storm and flood assistance contact the State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500 and in a life threatening emergency call Triple Zero (000).

Mines

- Queensland Nickel (non-operating site at Yabula, near Townsville, in care and maintenance) has confirmed that they are 'cyclone ready'. There is good rainfall capacity in storages across the site. Generators and pumps are clear from inundation. Excavators are on site in case they need to move dirt.

Dams

- SunWater is closely monitoring dam levels and weather patterns
- SunWater is working closely with Townsville City Council in preparation for potential weather event (Ross River Dam owned by TCC, managed by SunWater).
- SunWater dams are not designed or operated as active flood mitigation dams. However, Peter Faust Dam by nature of the design of the spillway provides passive flood mitigation benefits to Proserpine.

Hot Issues

If asked question

- Response

Approval

Prepared	Elliott Franks - Coordinator (Public Information)	27/03/2017 04:03
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Subject: DET SITREP Reports 1 & 2

Hello Emma

Please find attached the first two DET SITREPs for 26 March 2017.

If any Facilities within your area of responsibility are adversely affected by this event, please ensure that you contact Emergency & School Security as soon as possible.

Regards

Emergency and School Security

Infrastructure Operations | Department of Education and Training

Phone: 3034 6011, Mob: [REDACTED] (Annie Erichsen)

Phone: 3034 6012, Mob: [REDACTED] - personal info (Mick Maas)

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DET Situation Report

Related Event(s):	Tropical Cyclone Debbie	Report Date:	26/03/2017 07:30:00
Report No.:	1	State Activations Level:	STAND UP
Reviewed by:	Manager, Emergency & School Security	DET Regions affected:	North Queensland, Far North Queensland, Central Queensland
Issued by:	Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services		

SUMMARY

BRIEF SUMMARY:

As at 07:30am Tropical Cyclone (TC) Debbie is still moving slowly and is tracking towards an area likely to be somewhere between Cardwell and Bowen. The system is forecasted to make landfall early to mid-morning Tuesday. Heavy rainfall is expected following the system as it tracks inland.

The BOM moved into Cyclone Warning mode from 17:00pm Saturday 25 March and moves to 3 hourly updates from that time. The BOM has begun to issue marine warnings.

The Department has activated its emergency management protocols and stands ready to respond to the potential impact of TC Debbie. The three areas likely affected are North Queensland Region (NQR), Far North Region (FNR), and Central Queensland Region (CQR). All region have initiated their planning and are ready for activation as required. Communication with principals has occurred and the Department is maintaining a watch and wait status. Principals are empowered to make decisions regarding school closures to protect staff, student and community safety.

ACTIONS TO DATE:

- The Department is currently at LEAN FORWARD in accordance with the DET Disaster and Emergency Management Protocols and will likely move to STAND UP from Sunday 26 March 2017.
- Key areas from within Central Office met frequently during Friday, 24 March 2017 to coordinate preparations across the Department and Regions.
- The Executive Response Team was contacted by the Executive Response Controller (Jeff Hunt) who advised of current weather updates. A teleconference will be held at 15:00pm on Sunday, 26 March to update on DET readiness.
- The Executive Support Group met at 16:00pm on Friday, 24 March to ensure their respective areas in the Department were fully briefed and prepared. These areas stand ready to respond.
- The Deployment Support Group have been contacted to confirm their availability for this event and stand ready to assist.
- The Executive Coordination Centre on Level 4 of Education House has been prepared and activated on Friday, 24 March 2017 and stands ready for use.
- All Central Office Directors have been encouraged to release Ready Reservist staff who may be called by the Department of Communities to assist in performing recovery activities in affected communities.

- A teleconference has been held with Regional Directors from FNR, NQR and CQR who have moved from ALERT to LEAN FORWARD status. The NQR Regional Response Team (RRT) will activate its Regional Response Centre from 09.30am on Sunday morning, 26 March 2017. Regional Directors have been in regular contact with the Executive Response Controller and key briefing times for updates have been agreed upon.
- The Executive Response Team have been receiving regular updates on the weather briefings and State Disaster Management Coordination activities after each teleconference.
- Satellite phones have been deployed and tested.
- DET's two emergency communications trailers are ready for deployment.

Far North Queensland Region (FNR)

- FNR's RRT is currently at LEAN FORWARD and has contingency plans set in place.
- Regional staff have been attending LDMG and DDMG meetings.
- All schools have been contacted by the Region to alert them of the impending weather conditions.
- Those schools which have a Cyclone Shelter located on school grounds have begun clearing the building in readiness for activation by the LDMG.

North Queensland Region (NQR)

- NQR's RRT is currently at LEAN FORWARD, are well prepared and will meet at 09:30am on Sunday, 26 March 2017.
- All schools have been contacted by the Region to alert them of the impending weather conditions.
- Regional staff have been attending LDMG and DDMG meetings.
- Those schools which have a Cyclone Shelter located on school grounds have begun clearing the building in readiness for activation by the LDMG should they be required.
- Palm Island is expected to receive heavy rain and some residents have self-evacuated.
- The DDMG will meet again at 14:00pm on Sunday, 26 March 2017.

Central Queensland Region (CQR)

- CQR's RRT is currently at LEAN FORWARD and is well prepared.
- The Regional Director is currently in Rockhampton however will be returning to Mackay by Sunday afternoon (flight at 13:00pm).
- Regional staff have been attending LDMG and DDMG meetings.
- All schools have been contacted twice by the Region to alert them of impending weather conditions.
- Those schools that have a Cyclone Shelter located on school grounds have begun clearing the building in readiness for activation by the LDMG should they be required.
- Key staff from across CQR have taken home Satellite Phones in preparation to ensure communication capability.

School Closures

- There are presently no closed state schools however there is one closed Early Childhood and Education Centre which was impacted from Cyclone Alfred in February 2017.
- Under the approved CEO Directive, state school principals are responsible for making the decision to temporarily close a school.
- Any decision to temporarily close a school will, wherever possible, be made in consultation with the Region and consider the disaster and emergency management information available at the time. Staff, student and community safety is central to any decision to temporarily close a state school.

CONTROLLERS

DET Controller	Kevin Mara	(3)(b) - personal information	
ESMU	Annie Erichsen		
Regional Contact 1	Sharon Schimming		North Queensland
Regional Contact 2	Stephen Bell		Far North Queensland
Regional Contact 3	Kim Fredericks		Central Queensland

CURRENT CLOSURE SITUATION

	Pre-emptive	Inoperable	TOTAL
State Schools currently closed	0	0	0
Catholic and Independent Schools reported closed	0	0	0
ECECs reported closed	0	0	0
TOTAL No of Closures	0	0	0

Not included in these totals is the ECEC Burketown Kindergarten which was closed due to Cyclone Alfred in February 2017.

For details on the current status of individual schools, please visit <http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/>

DAMAGE
Damaged DET facilities (as reported by BAS)

North Queensland
Far North Queensland
Central Queensland

TOTAL

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OTHER

SCHOOL RECOVERY

DET Staff Assistance Hotline	1800 906 033
Staff Assistance Hotline	1800 906 033
Employee and Manager Counselling Support	(OPTUM) Phone 1800 604 640 (24 hours, 7 days)
Coping after Natural Disasters (Fact sheet)	http://education.qld.gov.au/health/eas/factsheets.html
Traumatic Events (Fact sheet)	https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/Services/HumanResources/Forms/Documents/traumatic-events.pdf
Leave Arrangements for affected staff	https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/Services/HumanResources/OrganisationalHealth/EAP/Pages/default.aspx

FOR ASSISTANCE OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EMERGENCY AND SCHOOL SECURITY

ON (07) 3034 6012 or (07) 3034 6011 (07) 3034 6016

Or via email: qld-dete-emru@id.ngcomms.net

DET Situation Report

Related Event(s):	Tropical Cyclone Debbie	Report Date:	26/03/2017 18:15:00
Report No.:	2	State Activations Level:	STAND UP
Reviewed by:	Manager, Emergency & School Security	DET Regions affected:	North Queensland, Far North Queensland, Central Queensland
Issued by:	Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services		

SUMMARY

As at 18.15 on Sunday, 27 March 2017:

NO OF CLOSED SCHOOLS (PRE-EMPTIVE): 71
NO OF CLOSED NON-STATE SCHOOLS (PRE-EMPTIVE): 9
NO OF CLOSED ECECs (PRE-EMPTIVE): 8
NO OF IMPACTED REGIONS: 2

BRIEF SUMMARY:

As at 16:00am Tropical Cyclone (TC) Debbie (currently Category 2) is still moving slowly and is currently expected to cross the coast between Rollingstone and Proserpine (potentially just south of Ayr) on early Tuesday morning, most likely as a Category 4 Tropical Cyclone, with wind gusts up to 260 kilometres per hour near the centre. The system is expected to intensify into a Category 3 system tonight.

The BOM moved into Cyclone Warning mode from 17:00pm Saturday, 25 March and is currently providing 3 hourly updates.

The Department has activated its emergency management protocols and stands ready to respond to the potential impact of TC Debbie. The three areas likely affected are North Queensland Region (NQR), Far North Region (FNR), and Central Queensland Region (CQR). All regions have initiated their planning and are ready for activation as required. Communication with principals has occurred and is continuing with schools identified for closure on Monday 27 March 2017.

As a pre-emptive measure, as at 18.15pm on Sunday, 26 March 2017, 71 state schools across 2 Regions (NQR and CQR) have been closed for Monday, 27 March 2017.

In addition, there are 9 Non-State Schools and 7 Early Childhood & Education Care services showing on the DET closures website that have also pre-emptively closed. Parents have been urged to contact their local Catholic/Independent School or ECEC Centre/Provider for confirmation.

UPDATED WEATHER INFORMATION:

For current weather conditions, refer to the Bureau of Meteorology Website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/cyclone/?ref=fr>.

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ACTIONS TO DATE:

- The Department is currently at STAND UP (activate resources) in accordance with the DET Disaster and Emergency Management Protocols.
- The Executive Response Team held a teleconference on Sunday afternoon, 26 March 2017 and was briefed by the Executive Response Controller (Jeff Hunt) who advised of current weather updates and ensured their respective areas were well prepared and on alert to ensure DET readiness.
- The Deployment Support Group have been contacted to confirm their availability for this event and stand ready to assist. Specific infrastructure resources are being identified and will be deployed to the Region first thing Monday morning as required.
- The Executive Coordination Centre on Level 4 of Education House was activated on Sunday, 26 March 2017.
- A teleconference has been held with Regional Directors from FNR, NQR and CQR.
- Regional Response Teams (RRTs) from all three regions have met and are in regular contact with the Executive Response Controller and key briefing times for updates have been agreed upon.
- RRTs are engaging with their LDMGs and DDMGs for advice and direction.
- Satellite phones have been deployed and tested where allocated.
- DET's two emergency communications trailers are being readied for deployment closer to the forecasted impacted areas.
- Communication with key stakeholders has begun and will continue to be maintained during the next few days.
- DET representation at SDCC will commence from Monday morning, 27 March 2017.

School Closures

- As TC Debbie heads closer to the Queensland Coast, decisions regarding closure of Queensland state schools, Non-state schools and ECECs will be made. Refer to the School Closures Website for the most current information <http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/index.html>.
- State school closure decision will be made in accordance with the CEO Directive.

CONTROLLERS

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CURRENT CLOSURE SITUATION

As at: 18.15pm on Sunday, 26 March 2017

	Pre-emptive	Inoperable	TOTAL
State Schools currently closed	71	0	71
Catholic and Independent Schools reported closed	9	0	9
ECECs reported closed	8*	0	8*
TOTAL No of Closures	88	0	88

* Included in these totals is the ECEC Burketown Kindergarten which was closed due to Cyclone Alfred in February 2017.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND THE WEBSITE SHOULD BE USED AS THE MAIN POINT OF REFERENCE.

 For details on the current status of individual schools, please visit <http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/>
DAMAGE
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NIL AT THIS STAGE

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Far North Queensland

Central Queensland

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Leave Arrangements for affected staff
<https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/Services/HumanResources/OrganisationalHealth/EAP/Pages/default.aspx>
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ESMU

Emergency and Security Management Unit

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