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Australian Bureau of Meteorology  
Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre

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### **TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVICE NUMBER 10**

Issued at 4:59 am EST on Tuesday 12 December 2023

#### **Headline:**

Tropical Cyclone Jasper, moving west northwestwards, is expected to cross the Far North Queensland coast on Wednesday.

#### **Areas Affected:**

##### **Warning Zone**

Cape Flattery to Townsville (not including Townsville), including Cairns, Innisfail, and Palm Island

##### **Watch Zone**

Cape Melville to Cape Flattery, extending inland to include Palmerville and Chillagoe

##### **Cancelled Zone**

None.

#### **Details of Tropical Cyclone Jasper at 4:00 am AEST:**

Intensity: Category 1, sustained winds near the centre of 85 kilometres per hour with wind gusts to 120 kilometres per hour.

Location: within 45 kilometres of 16.7 degrees South 148.6 degrees East, estimated to be 305 kilometres east of Cairns and 345 kilometres northeast of Townsville.

Movement: northwest at 8 kilometres per hour.

Tropical Cyclone Jasper, currently a category 1 system, is expected to re-intensify today as it moves west northwest towards the coast. It is forecast to cross the coast as a category 2 system on Wednesday, most likely between Cooktown and Innisfail. Jasper will weaken as it moves inland during Thursday towards the Gulf of Carpentaria. If the system is slower and crosses overnight Wednesday or Thursday morning, a very slim chance remains of a severe category 3 crossing.

#### **Hazards:**

DESTRUCTIVE winds of up to 140 km/h are expected to develop between Wujal Wujal and Innisfail from early Wednesday morning.

GALES with DAMAGING WINDS of up to 120 km/h are expected to develop along the Queensland coast and adjacent ranges between Cape Flattery and Townsville, including Cairns, from today. These DAMAGING WINDS are expected to extend inland to Palmerville and Chillagoe after the cyclone has crossed the coast on Wednesday.

GALES with DAMAGING WINDS may extend as far north as Cape Melville on Wednesday, depending on the movement of Jasper.

A separate severe weather warning is current for DAMAGING WIND GUSTS for coastal and island areas between Cape Upstart and the Whitsunday Islands; refer to that product for more information.

HEAVY RAINFALL which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is forecast to develop from early Wednesday morning between Cape Flattery and Ingham. Six-hourly totals between 100 to 150 mm are likely, with isolated falls of 250 mm possible along the coast and adjacent ranges. 24-hourly rainfall totals between 150 to 250 mm are likely, with isolated falls up to 350 mm possible.

A flood watch is current for the North Tropical Coast, parts of the Cape York Peninsula and Gulf Country.

As the cyclone approaches the coast, a STORM TIDE is expected between Cooktown and Townsville on the high tides today and Wednesday. Large waves may produce minor flooding along the foreshore. People living in areas likely to be affected by this flooding should take measures to protect their property as much as possible and be prepared to help their neighbours.

### Recommended Action:

People between Cape Flattery and Townsville should immediately commence or continue preparations, especially securing boats and property.

- For cyclone preparedness and safety advice, visit Queensland's Disaster Management Services website ([www.disaster.qld.gov.au](http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au))

- If you choose to take shelter away from your home, stay COVID-19 safe and pack a mask and hand sanitiser (if you have them).

- For emergency assistance call the Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500 (for assistance with storm damage, rising flood water, fallen trees on buildings or roof damage).

People between Cape Melville and Cape Flattery, and inland to Palmerville and Chillagoe, should consider what action they will need to take if the cyclone threat increases.

- Information is available from your local government.

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### Next Advice:

The next advice will be issued by 8:00 am AEST Tuesday 12 December.

This warning is also available through TV and Radio Broadcasts; the Bureau's website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or call 1300 659 210. The Bureau and the State Emergency Service would appreciate this warning being broadcast regularly.

A map showing the track of the cyclone is available at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/cyclone>

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