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Debbie: Queensland's worst storm, since Yasi?



According to the BBC, a cyclone pummelled the north-east Australian coast. Damage, caused by the torrential rainstorm, included power cuts to tens of thousands of homes. Cyclone Debbie made landfall between <u>Bowen</u> and <u>Airlie Beach</u> in <u>Queensland</u> as a category four storm, whipping gusts of up to 263km/h (163mph) moving inland as a category two storm.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said he was aware of one death so far who said. "*Conditions have deteriorated rapidly, take care and stay safe. Be prepared to shelter in place until Wednesday, defence force helicopters and naval vessels would be sent to Queensland with aid.*" Turnbul added the Australian government would be urging insurance companies to be "*compassionate*" and supportive of people who have claims to make following the cyclone. The extent of Cyclone Debbie's devastation, which has a 50km-diameter eye wall, may not be known for some time, according to the authorities.

Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart said the storm's slow speed had created a "battering ram effect", adding: "We are going to get lots of reports of damage, and sadly I think we will also receive reports of injuries, if not death." Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said assessing damage was difficult because communities had been cut off from power and phone reception. "Everyone is going to be in shock tomorrow, just to see the full impact of this cyclone," she said. "I'm bracing myself for it."

In the aftermath of the storm, rebuilding begins from the ground up. Those in the demolition and restoration business should be preparing for the surge in demand as should those flooring suppliers with stores serving the Queensland area after the restoration including residential flooring (for restored homes) and commercial flooring (for restored businesses).

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