

Tropical Cyclone Alfred applicable event – extension to assessment timeframes and declaration of additional uses

On 11 March 2025, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, declared additional uses in accordance with the applicable event provisions and extended key statutory development assessment timeframes under the *Planning Act 2016*.

This follows the declaration of the Tropical Cyclone Alfred applicable event which is in effect from 5 March 2025 to 19 March 2025.

There have been significant impacts to supply chains from power outages and staff impacts, affecting fuel distribution and retail, as well as food processing and abattoirs.

The Deputy Premier has since made a further declaration of uses for service stations and low, medium, high impact industry or special industry uses that are a fuel distributor/retailer or abattoir or food processing facility. The declared uses may operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week to enable operations.

This declaration does not change trading hours regulated under other legislation or change the current use declaration for a shop, warehouse, transport depot, trade and hardware supplies and healthcare services.

Key development assessment timeframes have been extended in recognition of challenges with safe access to facilities and staff availability following the impacts of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

The following timeframes are extended by 6 business days to 19 March 2025:

- the period for the assessment manager to determine whether a development application is a properly made application (known as the “confirmation period”)
- the period for the referral agency to assess the application and issue a referral agency response (known as the “referral agency assessment period”)
- the period for the assessment manager to assess and decide a development application (known as the “decision period”)

The extension of development assessment timeframes applies to the following local government areas:

- Brisbane City Council
- Bundaberg Regional Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Fraser Coast Regional Council
- Gold Coast City Council
- Goondiwindi Regional Council
- Gladstone Regional Council
- Gympie Regional Council

- Ipswich City Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City Council
- Moreton Bay City Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- North Burnett Regional Council
- Redland City Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- South Burnett Regional Council
- Southern Downs Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Council
- Toowoomba Regional Council

The extension notice will take effect from 12 March 2025 until 19 March 2025.

To view the notice declaring the applicable event, the extension notice or the declaration notice, please [visit the department's website](#).

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