

**DIRECTIONS WHILE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DATED 5 MARCH 2025 IS
IN FORCE – RETURN PHASE**

Sections 263, 271B and s271C of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*

On 5 March 2025, I, Paul Stewart APM, Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services (**QCS**), with the approval of the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, declared that an emergency exists in relation the Affected Centres for the period commencing on 6 March 2025 and expiring at 11:59pm on 19 March 2025 (the **Declaration**).

The Affected Centres for the Declaration are Woodford Correctional Centre, Brisbane Correctional Centre, Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre, Wolston Correctional Centre, Brisbane Womens Correctional Centre, Southern Queensland Correctional Centre, Borallon Training & Correctional Centre, Palen Creek Correctional Centre and Numinbah Correctional Centre

The reason for the emergency was the impact of Tropical Cyclone Alfred on South East Queensland and I consulted with the State Disaster Coordinator and the Commissioner of the Fire Service in making this declaration.

Having declared that a situation existed that is likely to threaten the good order of the safety of the prisoners and staff at Numinbah Correctional Centre, the situation being the impending landfall of Cyclone Alfred, I considered that it was necessary to transfer the prisoners from Numinbah Correctional Centre to Brisbane Womens Correctional Centre temporarily.

Since that date the flooding which isolated Numinbah Correctional Centre has subsided.

Accordingly, **I direct that:**

1. Eligible prisoners who were transferred from Numinbah Correctional Centre to Brisbane Womens Correctional Centre as a result of the emergency declaration of 4 March 2025 are to return to Numinbah Correctional Centre.

Eligible prisoner means a prisoner who is still classified as a low security prisoner as of 13 March 2025. A prisoner is not an eligible prisoner if they consent to remain at Brisbane Womens Correctional Centre.

I do not consider that there is any limitation of human rights in making these directions.

These directions take effect at 6:00am on 14 March 2025. These directions will remain in place until revoked or replaced by me.



Paul Stewart APM

Commissioner

Queensland Corrective Services

13 March 2025