

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Section 263 and 271B of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*

I, Paul Stewart APM, Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services, reasonably believe a situation exists, that is likely to threaten the safety of the prisoners at Numinbah Correctional Centre, namely Cyclone Alfred and the predicted impact of cyclonic winds and flooding on the Gold Coast hinterland.

With the approval of the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Services and the Minister for Corrective Services, I declare under section 271B of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (CS Act), that an emergency exists in relation to Numinbah Correctional Centre for the period commencing on 5 March 2025 and expiring at 11:59pm on 11 March 2025 (the Declaration Period).

This declaration will lapse on the earlier of the end of the Declaration Period, unless earlier revoked or replaced by me.

While this declaration is in force I may:

- a. restrict any activity in the corrective services facility, including, for example, restricting movement within the facility to the extent necessary because of the emergency;
- b. restrict access to the corrective services facility, including, refusing entry to the facility by any person;
- c. isolate prisoners in the corrective services facility to the extent necessary because of the emergency, including, for example, isolating prisoners, individually or in groups, because of damage to the facility;
- d. limit or withhold the privileges of a prisoner at the corrective services facility if the chief executive reasonably believes that because of the emergency it will not be practicable for the prisoner to receive privileges to the extent the prisoner would otherwise have received them;
- e. authorise police officers to perform a function or exercise a power of a corrective services officer at the corrective services facility, under the direction of the senior police officer present; and
- f. transfer prisoners to another corrective services facility, including a temporary corrective services facility declared under section 271B(3)(b).



Paul Stewart APM

Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services

04 March 2025