

From Heatwave to Flood: Brisbane & SE Queensland Weather Alert

Critical Weather Warning: February 12–15, 2026



Feb 12 Feb 13-15

EXTREME HEAT SEVERE RAINFALL & FLOOD RISK

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The Dashboard: Critical Metrics at a Glance



100–300mm

Predicted Cumulative Rainfall (Thurs–Sun). Peak intensity Friday.



10°C Drop

Breaking the 35°C+ heatwave. Temps falling to mid-20s.



High Risk

Severe Flash Flooding in urban zones & rapid river rises.

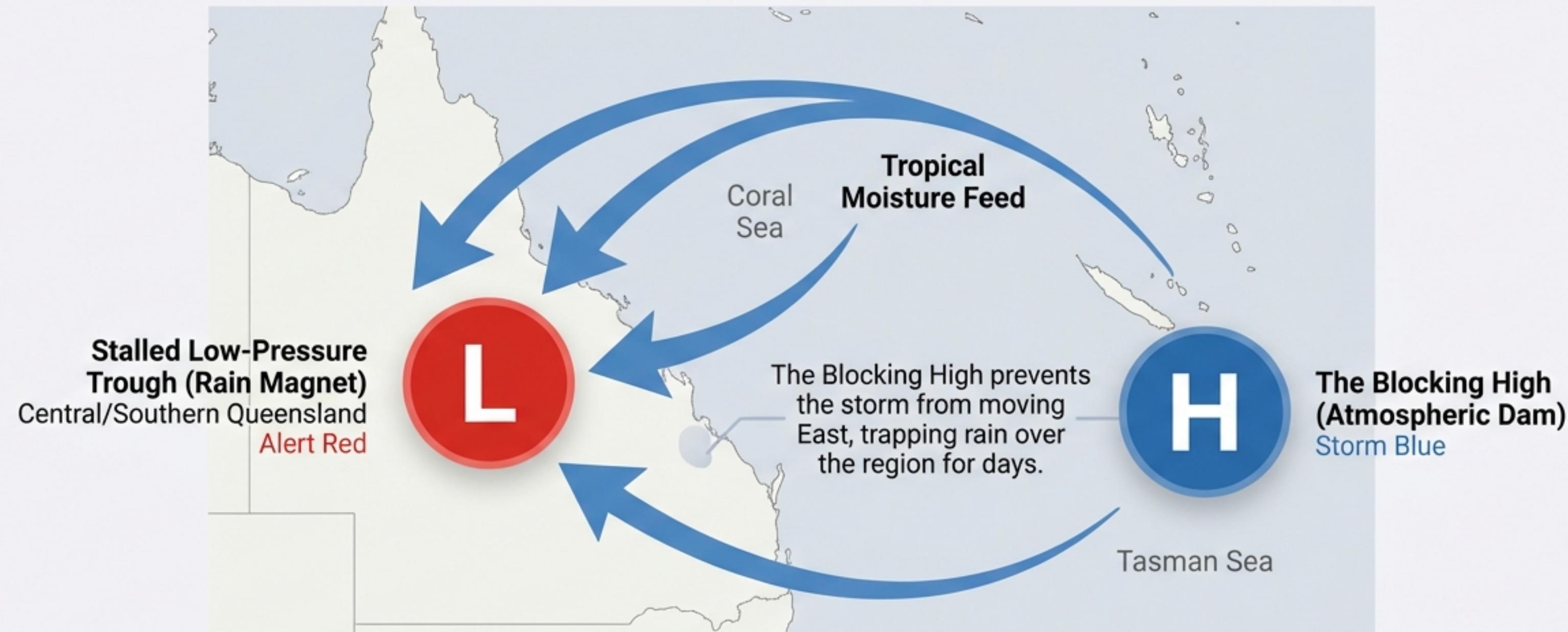


Thursday 6:00 PM

Storm onset. Storm cells form West/Southwest; saturation begins overnight.

The Atmospheric Setup: A Perfect Storm

with a high-end, authoritative crisis briefing design



The Heatwave Break: A Violent Shift

Tue-Thu: Severe Heatwave

35°C CBD

37°C Ipswich

- 9°C above Feb average
- High Humidity
- Overnight lows >23°C

Fri-Sun: Rapid Cooling

25°C

- Max temps drop to mid-20s
- Western suburbs 12°C drop

Insight: Atmospheric Instability

The collision of this heatwave with the upper-level trough creates violent weather potential: damaging winds, frequent lightning, and intense downpours.

Event Timeline: What to Expect When



Thursday 6:00 PM

Storm cells form West/SW. Lightning and wind gusts precede rain.



Thursday Night

The Soaking. Rain intensifies. Ground saturation begins, priming the landscape.



Friday (The Peak)

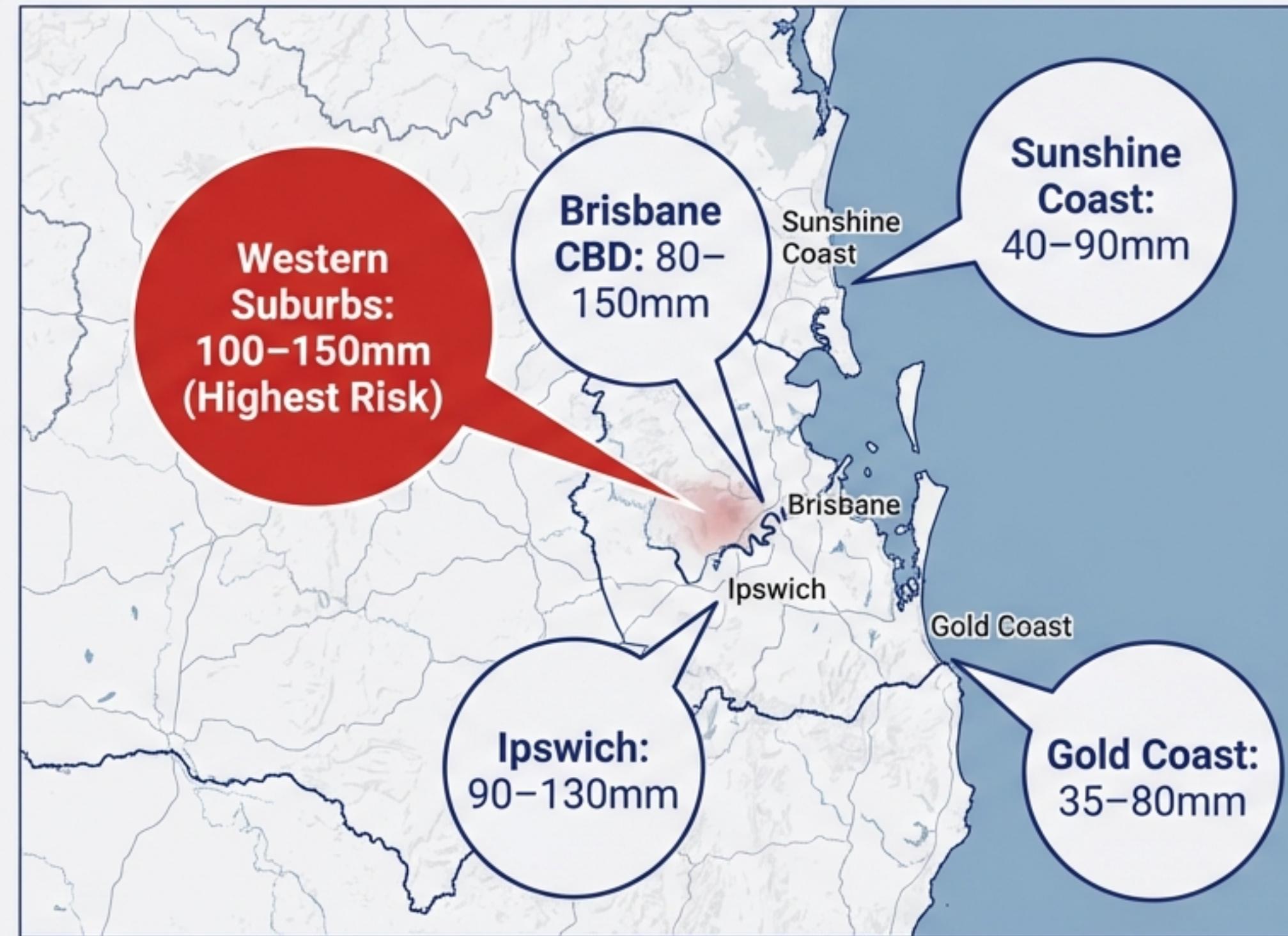
High Danger. Heaviest downpour (80-150mm). High flash flood risk in morning/midday.



Saturday/Sunday

Continued Threat. Showers continue (20-40mm). River levels likely to peak as runoff accumulates.

Projected Rainfall by Region



Regional Context:
Central Queensland and NE NSW also facing 100-200mm totals.

Dual Flood Risk Profile

Urban Flash Flooding



High Risk Areas: Rocklea, Oxley, Fairfield, Windsor, Creek Street (CBD).

Cause: Rainfall **>100mm** in short duration overwhelming drainage.

Factor: Clay-heavy soils and paved surfaces prevent absorption.

Catchment River Rise



High Risk Areas: Brisbane River, Condamine, Balonne.

Specifics: Low-level warnings for Tully, Daintree, and Bulloo rivers.

Timing: Levels may continue to rise days after rain stops due to western runoff.

Infrastructure & Travel Disruptions

! Road Closures



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Bruce Highway (reporting flooding). Warrego and Cunningham Highways (likely closure by Saturday).

! Air Travel



Air Travel

Delays/cancellations expected at Brisbane, Rockhampton, and Sunshine Coast airports.

! Public Transport



Public Transport

Delays likely where tracks cross flood-prone regions.

Advisory: Non-essential travel should be cancelled. Do not risk driving through floodwaters.

Preparation: The 72-Hour Emergency Kit



Hydration:
10 Liters per person.



Sustenance:
Non-perishable food
(3-day supply).



Power:
Power banks, flashlights,
extra batteries.



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Medical:
First aid kit, prescription
medications.



Documents:
Insurance, ID, deeds in
waterproof bags.



Properties:
Cuanos, creats, oritait,
fools, and urners.



Essentials:
Extra clothes, baby
formula, pet supplies.

Securing Your Property



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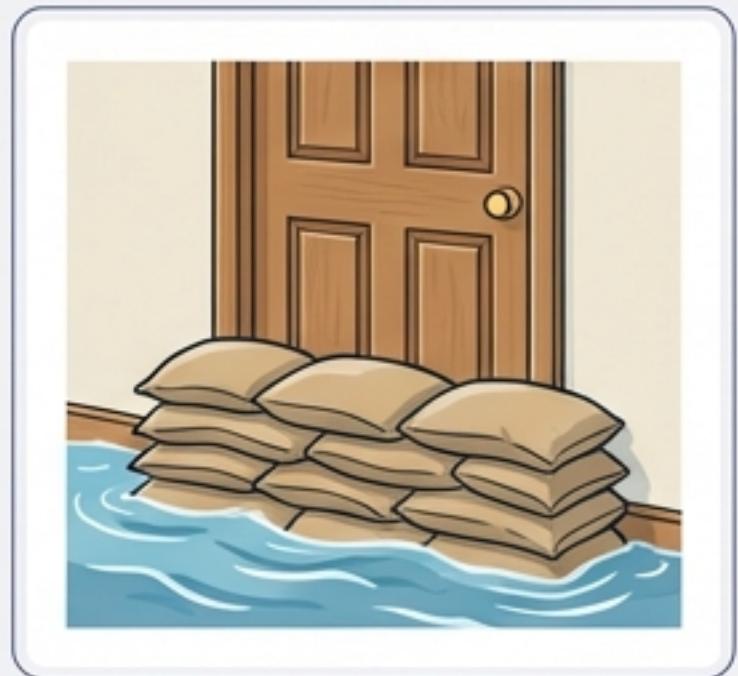
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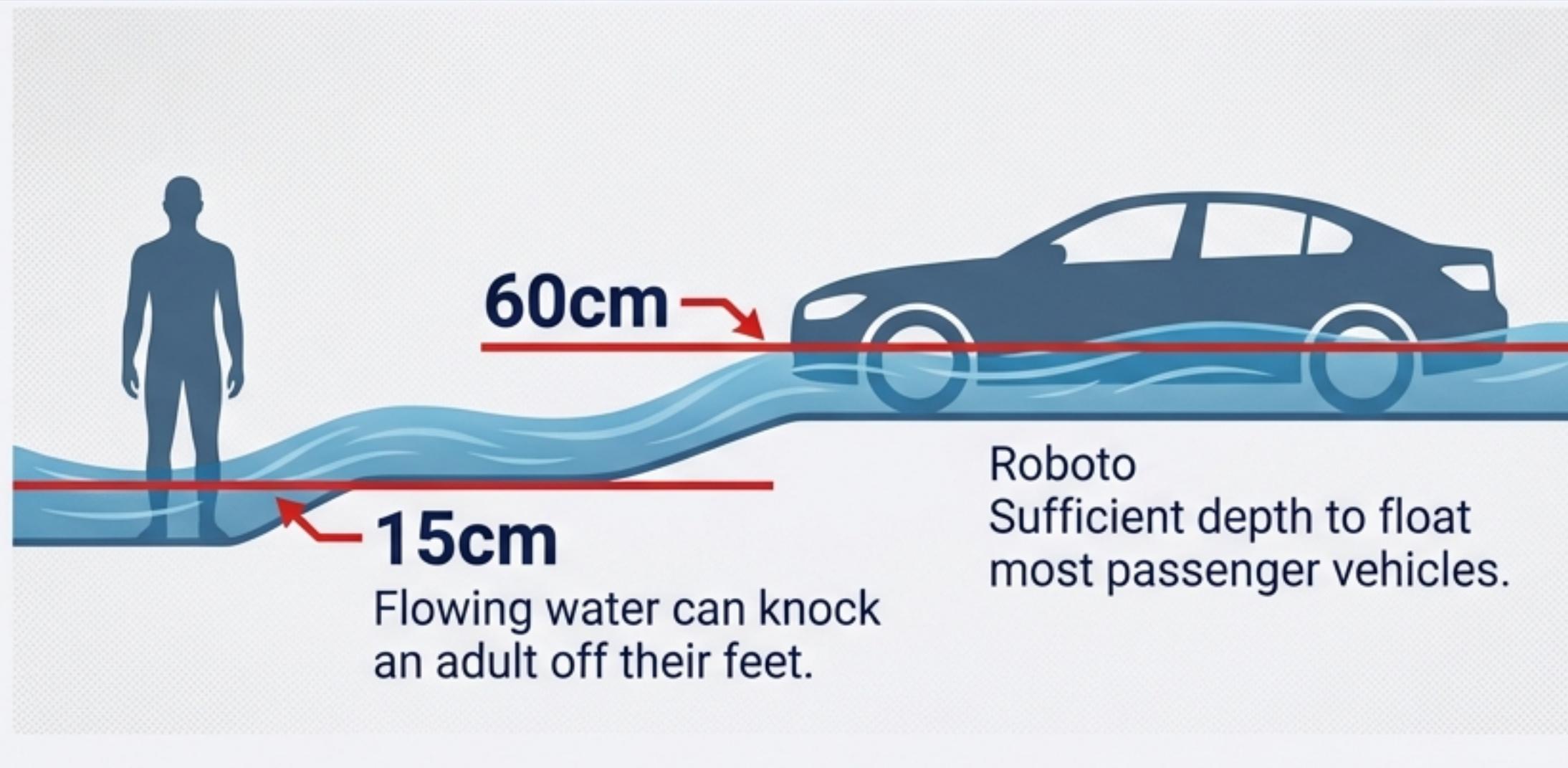
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4. Sandbag Entry Points

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Safety Protocol: The "If it's Flooded, Forget It" Rule



**Directive: Keep children/pets away from drains.
Never drive through floodwaters.**

Evacuation Strategy & Routes



Preparation

- Identify Plan A & Plan B routes to higher ground (Check Council Maps).



Neighbors

- Check on elderly/mobility-impaired neighbors now.



Trigger Point

If official advice says evacuate, go immediately. Do not wait.



Destination

- Proceed to evacuation centers (schools/halls) on higher ground.

Emergency Contacts Directory

Life Threatening  **000 (Triple Zero)**

SES (Storm Damage/Rising Water)  **132 500**

Brisbane City Council  **3403 8888**

Traffic Updates  **QLDTraffic website/app**

Radio Broadcast  **ABC Local Radio (612 AM)**

Web Resources  **disaster.qld.gov.au | bom.gov.au**

Post-Event Outlook & FAQ

When will it end?



System expected to weaken late Sunday/Monday as the blocking high fades.

Flood risk after rain?



YES. Western catchment runoff means rivers may peak days after the rain ceases.

Will heatwave return?



NO. Temperatures will return to seasonal norms (mid-20s), though humidity will remain high due to evaporation.

Community Resilience is Key

We navigate this together. Look out for neighbors, pool resources, and adhere to official advice.

Stay informed. Stay safe. Prepare now.