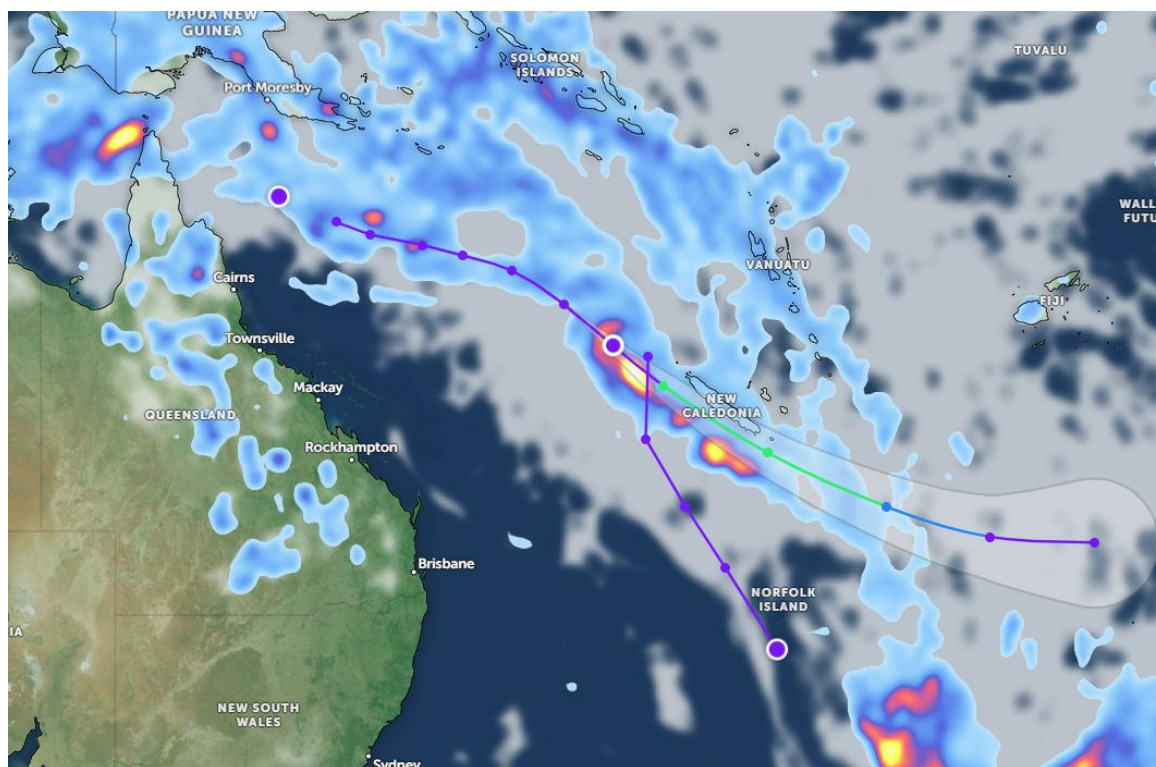




Heavy Rainfall and Tropical Lows – New Caledonia & South West Pacific



Potentially Affected Areas

New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands (southern parts), Coral Sea, Norfolk Island region, and adjacent southwest Pacific waters, northeast Queensland (Cairns–Townsville coast).

Hazard Types

Extreme rainfall and tropical lows

Hazard duration

21/01/2026 to 24/01/2026

Hazard Summary

An active tropical disturbance zone over the southwest Pacific is generating tropical lows and deep convective rainfall along and east of the Coral Sea. Embedded tropical lows near and east of New Caledonia are producing heavy to locally intense rainfall, thunderstorms, and squally conditions, with potential for short-term flooding, rough seas, and gusty winds. Rain bands also extend westward toward the northeast Queensland coast, bringing intermittent showers, while the system tracks generally southeastward with continued rainfall risk over open waters.