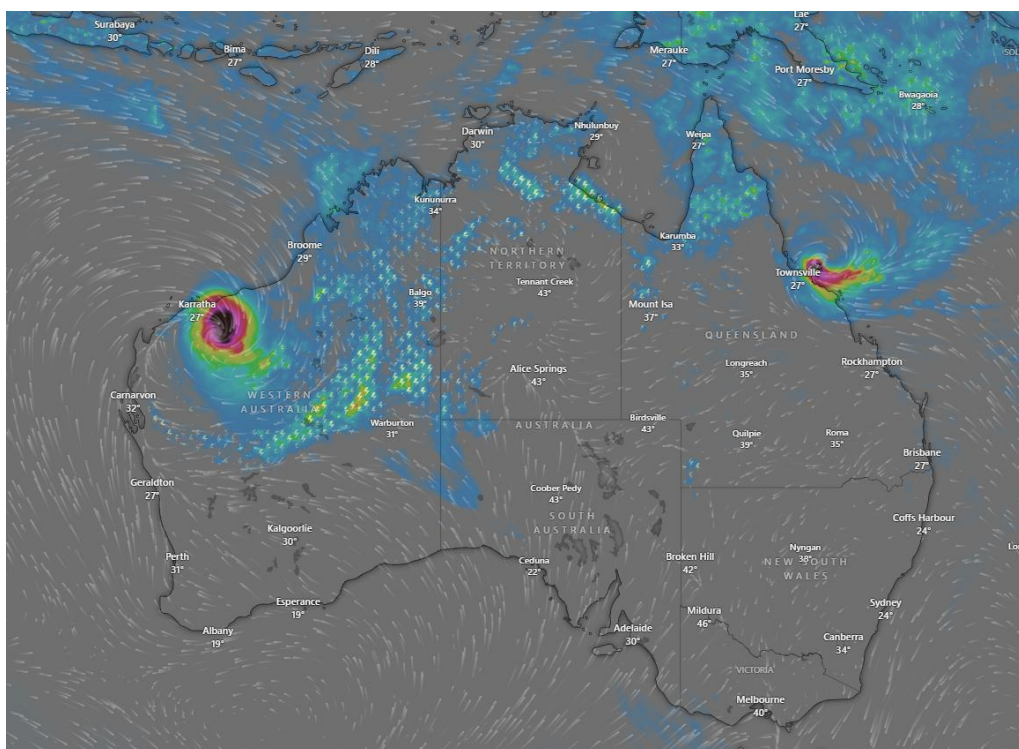




Extreme Rainfall and Cyclone Development - Australia



Potentially Affected Areas

North-west Western Australia (Pilbara–Gascoyne coast including Karratha and Carnarvon), inland and south Western Australia, Northern Territory, central South Australia

Hazard Types

Extreme rainfall and cyclone development

Hazard duration

24/01/2026 to 30/01/2026

Hazard Summary

An active tropical weather pattern is affecting Australia, with a tropical cyclone off the northwest coast of Western Australia generating intense rainfall, strong winds, and rough seas. Deep tropical moisture is going to spread inland and southeastward, forming rain bands and thunderstorms across northern and central Australia, while extreme heat persists over interior regions due to a strong continental high-pressure system. This combination increases the risk of flash flooding near the cyclone and rain bands, damaging winds along the coast, and ongoing heat stress and bushfire risk in hot, dry inland areas.