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TOP PRIORITY FOR IMMEDIATE BROADCAST  
SEVERE WEATHER WARNING  
for Flash Flooding and damaging winds  
For people in the following forecast districts:  
Herbert and Lower Burdekin south of Rollingstone;  
Central coast and Whitsundays north of Sarina;  
far southeast parts of the Northern Goldfields and Upper Flinders.

Issued at 4:55 am on Saturday 16 February 2008

Heavy rain bands are likely to continue to affect the area between Ayr and Sarina this morning, spreading inland to parts of the Northern Goldfields and Upper Flinders. This rainfall is likely to be of sufficient intensity to produce dangerous flash flooding, and flooding of low lying areas. Although heavy rain has eased between Ayr and Rollingstone in the past few hours, there remains the potential for further heavy falls to develop.

Residents in low lying areas should monitor rising water levels closely and be prepared to move to higher ground. Motorists should take extreme care and are particularly warned against driving through flooded streams, especially during night hours.

Damaging wind gusts up to 90 km/hr are possible near the exposed coast and over the islands south of Bowen.

Synoptic situation: An active, slow moving monsoon trough lies on the coast near Ingham, extending offshore parallel to the Burdekin coast south to Bowen. A ridge continues to build along the east coast to the south of the monsoon trough.

The State Emergency Service advises that people in the affected area should:

- take shelter, indoors if possible, and never under trees
- avoid driving, walking or riding through flood waters.
- beware of fallen trees and powerlines

The next warning is due to be issued by 11 am Saturday.

This warning is also available through TV and Radio broadcasts; the Bureau's website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or call 1300 659 219. The Bureau and State Emergency Service would appreciate this warning being broadcast regularly.

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