

Media Release

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Attention Chief of Staff / Property Editor

PROPERTY OWNERS AND INSURERS ALIKE URGED TO PREPARE FOR CYCLONE SEASON

With a potential cyclone circling the State's north, Queenslanders are being encouraged to urgently check their insurance policies.

With a cyclone expected to develop off the coast of Queensland this weekend, the peak industry body representing strata title properties is urging strata property owners to plan ahead, check insurance policies and make sure they accurately report safety and related issues as they arise, in order to avoid costs later.

Strata Community Australia (Qld) President Simon Barnard has also called on insurers to make the necessary arrangements to avoid extended claim processes during the unpredictable summer months ahead.

"As we saw recently in Brisbane, unprecedented damage to a large group of residents can cause numerous problems for insurers so erring on the side of caution and having contingencies for events like a cyclone is the best course of action.

"If a cyclone does hit North Queensland within the next week, I hope the insurance companies have the teams on the round to urgently respond to claims.

"We don't want a repeat of the long waiting periods some storm hit Brisbane residents have reported."

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