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Attention Chief of Staff / Property Editor

QLD STRATA PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS URGED TO PREPARE FOR MARCIA

Queensland strata title owners and managers are being encouraged to urgently check their insurance policies as history making category 5 Cyclone Marcia hits land at Yeppoon .

“With expected winds of 285 km per hour, there will be significant damage, especially in properties that were built before changes to the regulations as a result of cyclone Tracy,” SCA (Qld) President Simon Barnard said.

“Strata schemes that do not meet the current cyclone standards are running at a high risk of having costly damage. We at SCA recommend you seek support from a professional body corporate manager as they are competent to assist in finding solutions for buildings that need urgent repairs in order to avoid worse scenarios,” Mr Barnard said.

The peak industry body representing strata title properties is urging property owners and managers to check insurance policies and make sure they accurately report and document safety and related issues as they arise, in order to avoid costs later.

Given the wide path of this particular system, Strata Community Australia (Qld) President Simon Barnard has also called on insurers to make the necessary arrangements to avoid prolonged resolutions during the expected weekend of wild weather.

“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.

"With major cities on the edge of this system, not to mention those in its direct path; I hope the insurance companies have teams on the ground to respond swiftly."

"Even South-East Queensland is expecting some flooding damage and our strata managers are on the ground to assist bodies corporate as they always have."

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