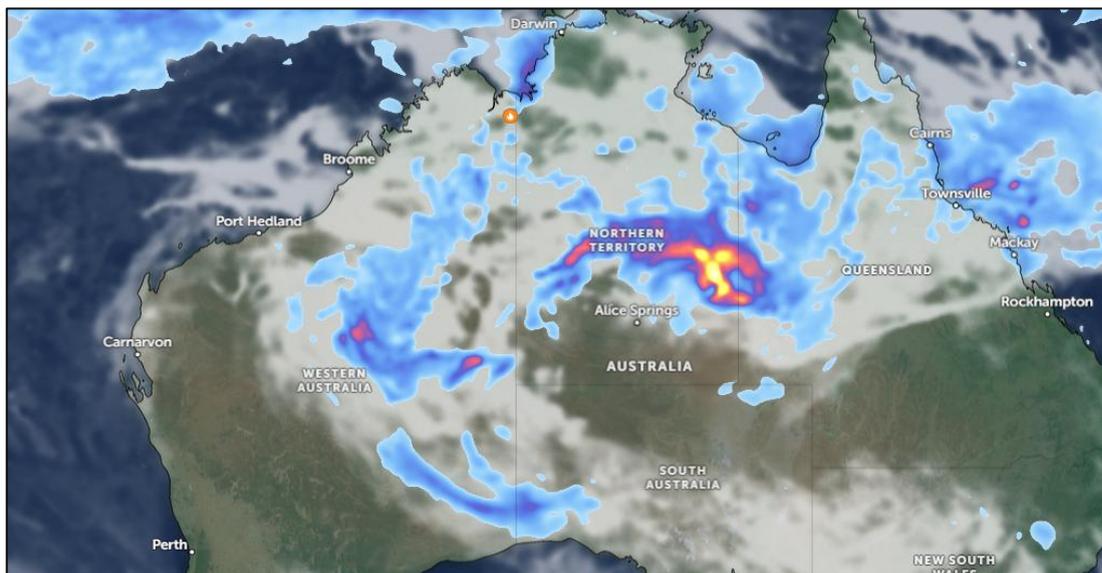




Heavy Rainfall and Flooding in Australia



Potentially Affected Areas

Northern and central Australia, including the Northern Territory (around Alice Springs), northern Western Australia, northern Queensland (near Townsville and Cairns), with scattered showers extending into South Australia.

Hazard Duration

19-02-2026 to 23-02-2026

Hazard Types

Heavy Rainfall and Flash Flooding

Hazard Summary

Rainfall is occurring across multiple regions of Australia, with the heaviest concentration over central Northern Territory and parts of northern Queensland. This pattern is driven by tropical moisture and atmospheric instability associated with a monsoonal trough over northern Australia. Warm air is rising and condensing, producing widespread cloud cover and convective rainfall bands extending west into Western Australia and southward into central areas. The intense rainfall in the Northern Territory increases the risk of localized flooding and temporary road isolation, especially in remote inland communities. In northern Queensland, heavy downpours lead to flash flooding in low-lying and coastal zones. Widespread rains across central and southern interior regions may disrupt transport where storms intensify.