

# sunwater

## Evacuation Strategy

### Overview of the region's evacuation strategy



#### Stay informed

Act immediately on warnings

Evacuate to family or friends in safe places



#### Place of refuge or evacuation centre

If activated

# Paradise Dam Failure Evacuation

This information is provided to assist the citizens downstream of Paradise Dam, to prepare for evacuation due to significant weather events, or dam failure. This locally-relevant information is provided to all downstream residents within approximately 10 km of Paradise Dam.

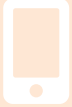
#### This Evacuation Guide includes:

- The Bundaberg Region's overarching **evacuation strategy**;
- **Triggers** for action;
- **Things to consider** when evacuating;
- **Evacuation routes**



# Evacuation triggers When should I evacuate?

## Act immediately



If you hear the Paradise Dam Siren, do not wait for further instructions. **Evacuate now.**

The following **triggers** provide a useful guide for when to get ready for possible impacts downstream of Paradise Dam that may require you to evacuate.

- Localised rainfall **in excess of 150mm per hour** may cause localised flash flooding
- Widespread rainfall **in excess of 200mm in 48 hours**
- The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues any of the following **warnings** for your location:
  - **Severe Weather** Warning
  - **Major Flood Warning for the Lower Burnett River**
- BoM cyclone track map puts a **cyclone within 400km of the Bundaberg or North Burnett regions**
- If you receive a voice or text message from Sunwater or the national “Emergency Alert” telephone warning system.
- Shallow **earthquake** detected above Magnitude 4 within close proximity to Paradise Dam (or “felt” earthquake experienced)
- A **disaster declaration** is made

### The following **triggers** require your **immediate action**:

- When the height of the river reaches **71.10m** at the dam wall and is expected to exceed 73.38m. You will be advised to “prepare to leave”
- When the height of the river reaches **73.38m** at the dam wall, a mandatory evacuation will be enforced.

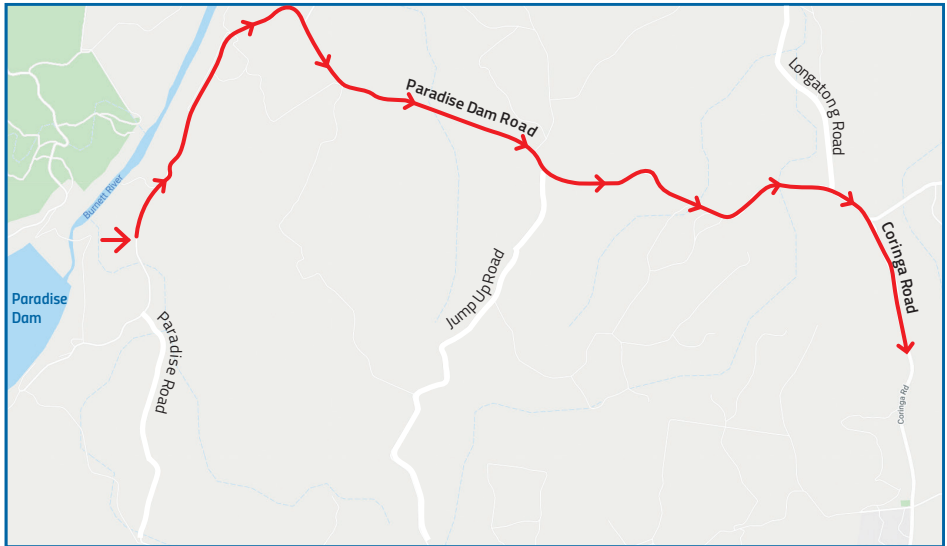
## Evacuation options Where should I go?

- A** **Evacuating to friends or family in safe locations** should be the first part of your evacuation plan. You will be more comfortable; you can take your pets and more of your belongings; and you will be with people you know and trust.
- B** A **“Place of Refuge”** may be activated in a safe place near your community. **Places of Refuge** provide basic shelter only until the danger has passed. Food, bedding and other assistance may not be available.
- C** **Evacuation centres** are located outside of hazard zones and provide basic amenities. Keep in mind that the closest evacuation centre may be in Bundaberg, Childers, Gin Gin or Biggenden.

### Things to consider

- The **location of refuges and evacuation centres may be different for each event**. Follow advice from authorities about where to go.
- **Updates about flooding are available** on the Bundaberg Regional Council website, Facebook page and Disaster Dashboard, the Sunwater app, or tune into ABC radio (100.1 FM or 855 AM).
- **Updates about the dam are available** on the Sunwater website or Sunwater app.
- **Prepare early and take your evacuation kit**. For tips on what to pack, visit [getready.qld.gov.au](http://getready.qld.gov.au)
- **Have an evacuation plan for your pets** - evacuation centres have limited ability to accommodate pets. All pets must be restrained.

# Evacuation routes relevant to Paradise Dam failure



remember

your route should be  
the **safest, most direct**  
**route** available

Find out more at:

[disaster.bundaberg.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.bundaberg.qld.gov.au)

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