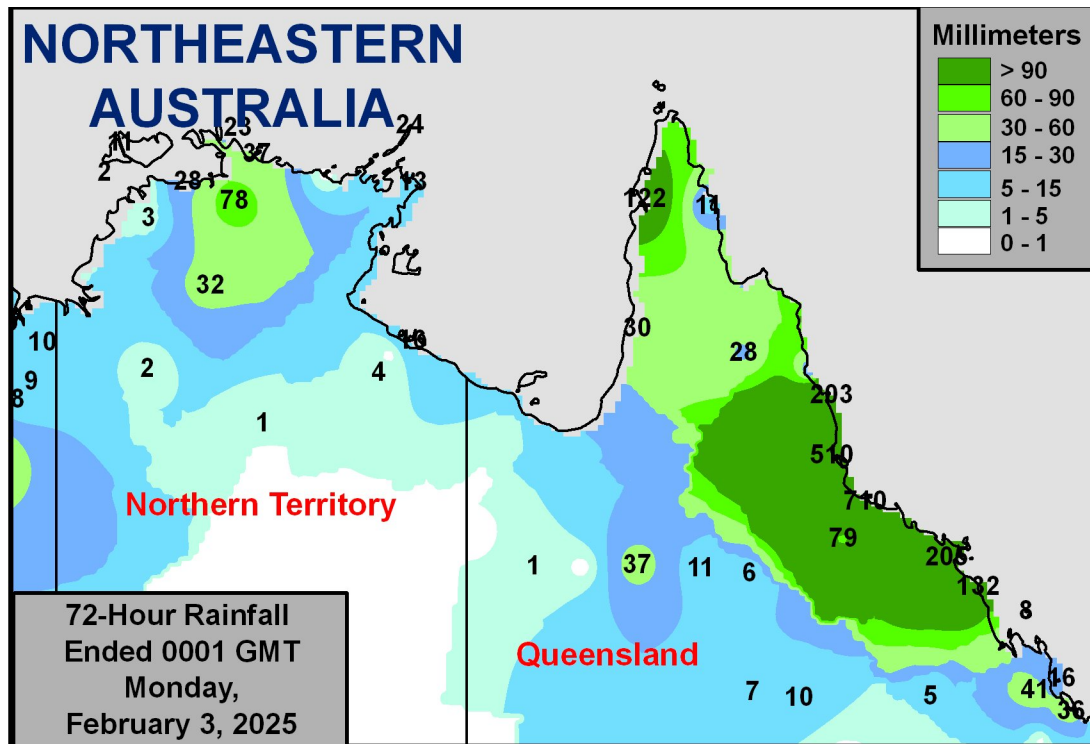


Torrential Rain Drowns Central Queensland Australia Coast

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Kansas City, February 3 (World Weather Inc.) – [Torrential rain fell across the middle Queensland, Australia coastline Friday through early Monday morning. Very serious flooding resulted causing damage to homes and businesses, disrupting commerce and raising concern for crops and the mining industry. Rainfall reached over 21 inches in 48 hours and reached nearly 28 inches in 72 hours at Townsville which was most seriously impacted. Additional heavy rain is expected over the next ten days, although it will favor the Cape York Peninsula and the upper half of the Queensland Pacific Coast.](#)



[The greatest rain fell from the Rockhampton area through Mackay and Townsville to the Cairns area. Most of the rain totals varied from 4.00 to 8.00 inches, although Townsville reported 27.95 inches, Cardwell reported 20.08 inches and Prosperine 8.08 inches. Flooding was widespread, though most serious in the Cardwell and Townsville areas. Damage to thousands of homes and businesses resulted.](#)

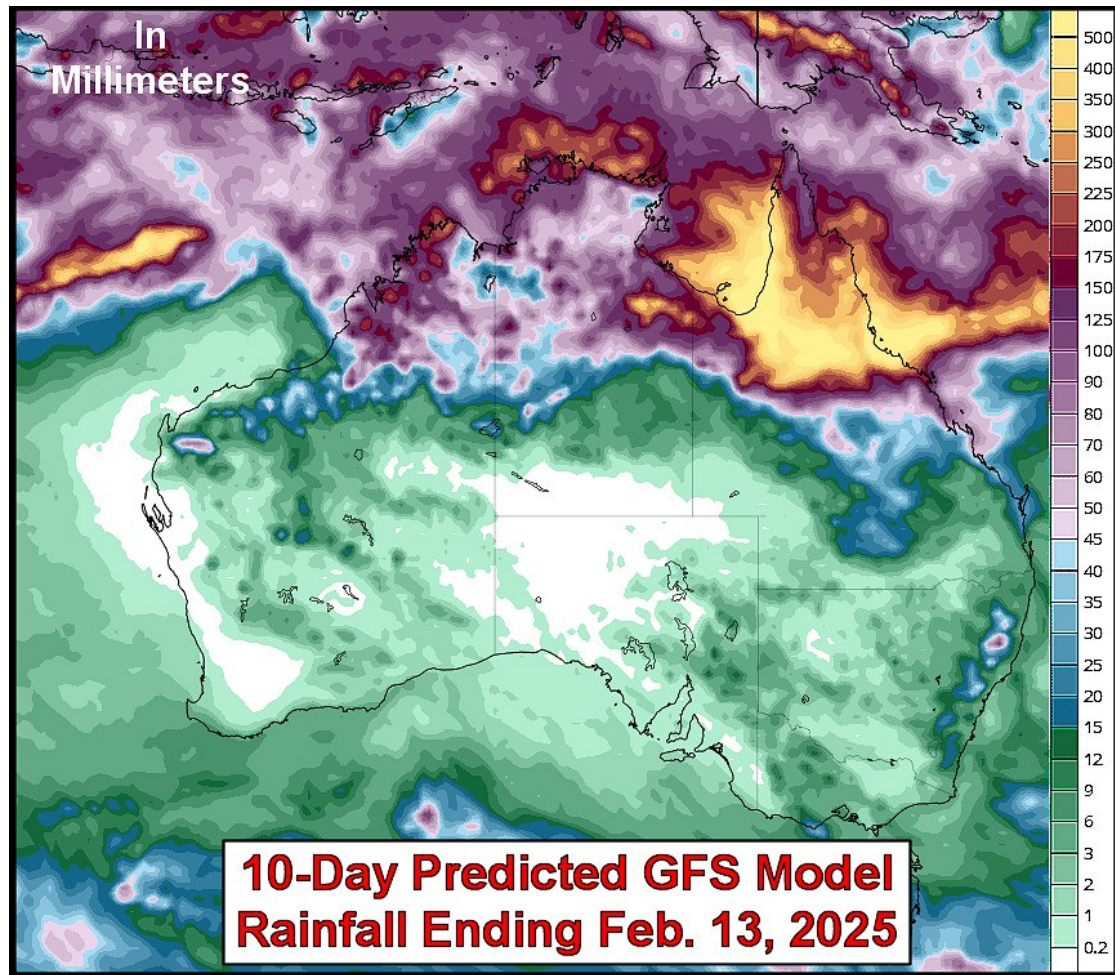
In addition to urban damage, flooding rain impacted all commerce in the region, damaged some infrastructure and sugarcane and may have caused some flooding in the region's mines.

[The heavy rain was expected to shift northward during the coming week to ten days impacting the Cape York Peninsula most severely with 10 to nearly 30 inches of rain. Flooding will expand to the north and more damage to property and infrastructure is anticipated.](#)

In the meantime, most of the nation's grain, oilseed and cotton areas missed out on this flooding rain event by being located farther to the south in Queensland and New South

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Wales. However, some sugarcane damage was suspected and that will be assessed later in the next few weeks after flooding recedes.



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