

9 March 2026

Weather Event – Tropical Low 29U

Douglas Shire Council advises that Tropical Low 29U, which impacted the Douglas Shire on Thursday 5 March 2026, caused severe flooding and significant damage to the Daintree Ferry, rendering the ferry inoperable.

As a direct result of this event, tourists are currently unable to access the area north of the Daintree River. Consequently, accommodation bookings have been cancelled due to the inability of visitors to reach their booked accommodation.

Council also confirms that the temporary passenger resupply ferry and connecting bus service currently operating is restricted to **local residents only** for essential travel, including access to groceries, medical appointments, and other critical needs. **Tourists are not permitted to use this service.**

Douglas Shire Council has been activated under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements as a result of the event for Counter Disaster Operations and Restoration of Essential Public Assets.



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