

**DISTRICT COURT OF QUEENSLAND**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 7 OF 2023**

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**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CAIRNS REGISTRY**

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Rule 976 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* provides that:

- (1) The Registry must be open between 8:30am and 4.30pm on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or court holiday.
- (2) However, the court or the registrar may direct that the registry is to be opened or closed at other times.

In light of the warnings issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in relation to Tropical Cyclone Jasper, for the purposes of that rule I direct that the offices of the Cairns District Court Registry will be closed from 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 and remain closed until a further Practice Direction is issued.



**Brian Devereaux**  
Chief Judge  
12 December 2023