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## Suncorp's response to Cyclone Debbie continues to gather speed

Suncorp's response to Cyclone Debbie in north Queensland continues to gather speed with six builders in the region and a total of 1700 jobs allocated. So far 777 jobs are underway, including make-safe work.

Suncorp spokesperson Joshua Cooney said the insurance recovery effort would continue to increase as more claims were lodged and more builders receive approval to commence work.

"Suncorp already has a large contingent of tradespeople on the ground and this will continue to climb," Mr Cooney said.

"While the full extent of Cyclone Debbie's impact in the north remains unclear, the boost to local economies will be significant as work is allocated to local trades, and claims teams stay and spend money in the region."

Suncorp has so far received more than 8000 claims from residents in north and south east Queensland, and northern NSW.

Suncorp continues to encourage customers who were impacted to lodge claims either over the phone (13 25 24) or face-to-face at Customer Response Team sites.

"We now have teams in Bowen, Proserpine and two teams in Mackay. Ayr will close later today. We will have a team at the Cannonvale Centre, Airlie Beach, from noon tomorrow," Mr Cooney said.

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