



**Burtundy, Pomona, Ellerslie & Great
Darling Anabranh flooding
Do not enter floodwater
Watch and Act**



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The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current widespread major flooding:

- Burtundy and surrounds
- Pomona
- Ellerslie
- Great Darling Anabranh

You should monitor the situation as it is constantly changing. Avoid floodwater for your safety.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises major flooding is occurring along the Darling River at Burtundy where river levels are likely to remain elevated between Burtundy and Wentworth during February.

This will impact surrounding communities with road closures and isolated rural properties likely.

The Darling River at Burtundy peaked at 8.26 metres Sunday 5 February and is currently at 7.94 metres and falling slowly, with major flooding. The Darling River at Burtundy may remain above the major flood level (7.70 metres) over the next several days.

Based on predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following areas may be impacted by dangerous floodwaters:

- Pomona
- Ellerslie
- Great Darling Anabranh
- Local roads, causeways, culverts and bridges may be flooded
- Some rural properties may become isolated by floodwaters.

What you need to do:

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, review it now. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures and water over roads and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
- Plan your route carefully to avoid flooded roads and allow extra travel time.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines and rivers.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines apply.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.

- Farmers should consider moving pumps and farm equipment to higher ground.
- Companion animals and livestock should be relocated to higher ground that will not become an island.
- If you are likely to be isolated due to flooding, stock up on essential items now.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.
- Contact your Local Land Services Office for rural animal and livestock assistance at lls.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 814 647

For more information:

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- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](https://132701.com.au) or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](https://132500.com.au). In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ([000](https://000.com.au)) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](https://1800067234.com.au)

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