

# SAFETY ALERT

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Subject: **Early Storm Warning System Off-line due maintenance**

Area of Concern: **Main RPT and General Aviation Aprons**

## **Early Storm Warning System Off-line due maintenance:**

Townsville Airport has two Early Storm Warning Systems. One located on the grass between the RPT Apron and Taxiway Alpha, opposite the terminal; and the other one is mounted above Pedestrian Gate 10 in the General Aviation cul-de-sac.

The activation of the Early Storm Warning System is provided as a guide to Airport users that a storm is within **5 nautical miles** from the airport.

**Both these systems are being taken off line for maintenance for one month to improve the visibility of the beacons and the activation process.**

**An Alert will be issued when the system is re-instated.**

It is recommended that Airport users monitor the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) web site for weather events that can impact operations and staff safety.

The BOM also issues warnings for:

- Tropical Cyclones
- Gale force winds of 34 knots surface or gusts over 42 knots
- Thunderstorm – if hail or winds will exceed 41 knots
- Sandstorms, dust storms, rising sand or dust, squalls or tsunamis.

**Safety is everyone's responsibility – please ensure you follow your relevant Company's procedures.**

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