

# WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

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## Cyclone Yasi update – 2 February 2011

Extreme weather conditions due to Cyclone Yasi are leading to significant disruption to BIG W and Woolworths' normal store operations in northern Queensland as we seek to ensure the safety of our customers and staff.

The stores most directly affected are those from Sarina northwards. At this point stores south of Sarina are planning to trade as normal.

### Confirmed stores closures

- ***Supermarkets (and adjacent Woolworths petrol stations) currently closed:***  
Atherton, Ayr, Bowen, Cairns (CBD, Earlville, Raintrees, Redlynch and Smithfield), Charters Towers, Ingham, Innisfail, Mackay (Andergrove, Canelands, Walkerston, Cannonvale, Proserpine), Mission Beach, Mossman, Mount Pleasant, Sarina and Townsville (CBD, Castletown, Fairfield Central, Hermit Park, Kirwan, Nathan Plaza, The Avenues, Vincent, Willows and Woodlands)
- ***BIG W stores currently closed:***  
Atherton, Cairns, Mackay, Townsville (Aitkenvale, Castletown and Willows) and Whitsundays
- In addition other Woolworths group stores – including remaining Woolworths Petrol stations, Dick Smith, BWS, Dan Murphy's and hotels – will be affected

While other stores and sites are planning on trading as normal our priority is the safety of our staff and customers and any store in the cyclone zone could close if instructed by local authorities or if it is deemed unsafe to keep the site open.

### Logistics

As during the recent floods some stores have seen increased numbers of customers.

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Stores south of Sarina are less affected by the weather and we are currently anticipating no change to our usual delivery schedules.

Over recent days Woolworths has been making extra deliveries of emergency essentials such as bottled water, batteries and non perishable foods to areas likely to be affected by Cyclone Yasi.

Woolworths has stationed full delivery trucks in depots close to the cyclone zone ready to refill stores once the worst of the weather passes and any blocked roads are cleared. For these deliveries we are prioritising essentials.

Updated details on store closures can found at [woolworths.com.au](http://woolworths.com.au).

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