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SA emergency services deploy to Queensland

South Australia's emergency services personnel are heading to Queensland this afternoon to bolster the state's recovery operations following Tropical Cyclone Debbie earlier this week.

Today's deployment comprises 10 incident management specialists and has been drawn from both the Country Fire Service (CFS) and Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR).

It will fly out from Adelaide Airport for Brisbane at 14.30pm on Virgin Australia flight VA1397. The team will return to Adelaide next week.

South Australia's response to the Queensland emergency is being coordinated by the SA State Emergency Service (SASES).

An SASES liaison officer flew to Brisbane on Monday to work with the cyclone's emergency response team at the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services State Disaster Coordination Centre at Kedron.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said: "Our thoughts are with all Queenslanders who have been affected along with the many thousands of emergency services and armed forces personnel who will be working around the clock in the next few weeks".

"South Australia has a long history of providing assistance to other states during their times of need. We are happy to again provide resources on this occasion," Mr Beattie added.

SASES will continue liaising with Queensland emergency service authorities to determine whether further deployments are required next week.

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