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Third SA deployment leaves for Ballina tomorrow

A third deployment of South Australian emergency services personnel will leave tomorrow morning for Ballina in northern New South Wales in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

Tomorrow's South Australian deployment – the second of two leaving tomorrow -- comprises 10 community liaison personnel from the South Australian State Emergency Service (SASES).

The deployment will fly out tomorrow from Adelaide Airport for Sydney at 11.00am on Virgin Australia flight 417.

It will return to Adelaide next Thursday.

Tomorrow's deployment will be based in Ballina and will assist New South Wales SES as it responds to significant flooding and property damage resulting from the category four storm in the northern parts of the state.

The SASES is coordinating South Australia's response to Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

The first deployment of 10 South Australian incident management specialists left Adelaide on Thursday while a second deployment of 21 rapid damage assessment experts is leaving at 8.50am tomorrow on Virgin Australia VA 1447 for Coolangatta.

No further deployments are planned at this stage although the SASES will continue to liaise with emergency service authorities in both Queensland and New South Wales over the weekend.