

The Bureau of Meteorology said the severe floods in Queensland, which destroyed crops and disrupted coal mining, were fed by heavy rains over Christmas in areas already saturated by rainfall in the second half of 2010.

- Based on rainfall maps, it would appear that mines servicing the Blackwater/Moura rail system (around 60 Mtpa throughput) to the Port of Gladstone are likely to have suffered the most from wet weather.
 - The Blackwater coal rail system remains closed due to floodwaters. On current advice from the Bureau of Meteorology (based on river height gauges upstream), [This content has been redacted under Section 45].
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 - Reports suggest all rail lines are operating below capacity, including the Goonyella system (the largest coal system in Queensland representing around 100 Mtpa throughput).
 - Some estimates suggests as much as 155 Mt (around 40 per cent of Australia's coal exports) have been knocked out by the rains. Note: this is only a preliminary estimate.
 - A derailment on the Goonyella system on 24th December 2010 led to its closure, which lasted around one week.