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MAJOR FLOODING EXPECTED AROUND COONAMBLE

Major flooding is likely at Coonamble from Sunday morning (28 November), similar to the 2010 event.

The NSW State Emergency Service update advises that the Castlereagh River flood peak is likely to cause major flooding at Coonamble, exceeding the moderate flood level (4.90m) tonight, Saturday.

The river level may reach around 5.20 metres Sunday morning, with major flooding anticipated.

There will be extensive rural inundation of low-lying areas along the Mowlma Creek.

Floodwater will begin to spill from the Castlereagh River at 'Nine Pines' on the Castlereagh Highway, potentially closing the Castlereagh Highway to the south of Coonamble.

Floodwater will begin to spill from the Castlereagh River, north of Coonamble, potentially closing the Castlereagh Highway to the north.

The Coonamble-Baradine Road will be impacted by floodwater.

Wingadee Road will be impacted by floodwater.

Combara Bridge may be impacted by floodwater.

Pilliga Road and Quambone Roads remain closed, as do all unsealed rural roads.

For more information, visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au and tune in to ABC Radio.

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