



A hazard-agnostic, three-tiered warning system



Advice

There is a heightened level of threat but no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



ACTION STATEMENTS

Stay informed
Monitor conditions
Reduced threat: return with caution



Watch and Act

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



ACTION STATEMENTS

Do not enter floodwater
Prepare to evacuate
Prepare to isolate
Avoid the area



Emergency Warning

You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.



ACTION STATEMENTS

Evacuate now / Evacuate before [time]
Shelter now
Move to higher ground

Three Warning Components



Location + Hazard

The location and the type of hazard impacting the community (e.g. Lismore flooding).



Action Statement

An action statement/s to guide protective action by the community, evolving as the warning levels increase in severity (eg 'stay informed').



Warning Level

The severity of the natural hazard event and the consequences on the community.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Smithtown East Flooding - Prepare to Evacuate - **Watch and Act**
Arkville North Flooding - Evacuate Now - **Emergency Warning**

The new warnings will align to the Australian Warnings System, providing clarity around the next steps communities need to take to keep safe. Units play a critical role in supporting the distribution of warnings to local communities, and undertaking activities to prepare people to take action.

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