



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.

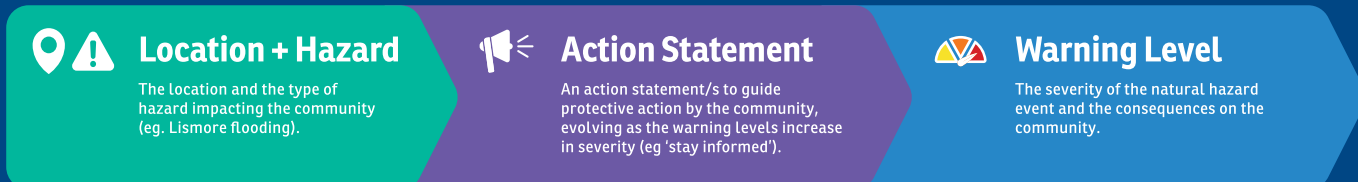
ACTION STATEMENTS

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

Why we are implementing a new warnings framework:

- ✓ Provide greater clarity to communities when warning about the imminent impacts of floods, storms and tsunami, leading to greater community understanding and action.
- ✓ Align to other emergency services organisations in NSW and across Australia.
- ✓ Meet our legislative requirements (SES Act) and address recommendations from operational reviews.

Three Warning Components



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



NEW
Hazardwatch Platform
hazardwatch.gov.au

Key Changes

FOR COMMUNITIES

The NSW SES will have the flexibility to produce warnings tailored to individual communities impacted by flooding. Warnings will align to the Australian Warnings System with nationally consistent colours, wording and imagery. This will provide greater clarity and support communities to make safe decisions. Warnings will also be available through HazardWatch.

FOR ALL MEMBERS

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

FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

IMTs will have flexibility to tailor warnings to each impacted community. A new publishing platform will support the distribution of warnings through a range of existing channels and the new HazardWatch platform. Training and exercising will be coordinated to support the implementation to the new warnings framework.

