



## 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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