

Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp AM APM has advised the Victorian Government that he intends to retire at the conclusion of his five-year term, effective 4 August 2023.

Mr Crisp started as Victoria's Emergency Management Commissioner in 2018 and throughout his tenure has provided exceptional leadership and a calm, familiar face for Victorians during some of the most significant emergencies the state has faced, including the 2019-20 bushfires, the COVID-19 pandemic response, the June 2021 storm event and the October 2022 flood event.

During his time as Commissioner Mr Crisp has been instrumental in leading the establishment of a permanent 24/7 workforce for the State Control Centre as well as the establishment of Emergency Recovery Victoria, and ongoing work to reform the operating model and legislative framework for managing emergencies.

Prior to his appointment Mr Crisp served a distinguished 40-year career with Victoria Police where he held several senior leadership roles before completing his time at Victoria Police as Deputy Commissioner, Regional Operations.

Mr Crisp will take planned leave in May before returning in June to complete his tenure.

Ahead of retiring in August, Mr Crisp will continue engaging with communities as he always has, particularly those impacted by recent emergencies to thank our incredible first responders who have worked tirelessly to keep their communities safe.

The Victorian Government will undertake a recruitment process for the role of Emergency Management Commissioner and an announcement will be made in due course.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes

"While this state has experienced some of the most turbulent times, Commissioner Crisp has been a calm, commanding and reassuring presence for Victorians. He has provided exceptional leadership and has delivered significant reform across the sector during his tenure."

"I would like to sincerely thank Commissioner Crisp for his commitment and dedication to the role and I wish him and his family all the best for the future."