

Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Victoria's Inspector-General for Emergency Management Tony Pearce has advised the Government he will step down at the end of his term after almost a decade in the role.

Mr Pearce was appointed as Victoria's inaugural Inspector-General for Emergency Management in 2014 and has been instrumental in reviewing and improving how Victoria plans for and responds to emergencies over this time.

The IGEM is a statutory role that provides assurance to government and the community on emergency management arrangements.

Mr Pearce has more than 40 years' experience working across the emergency management sector and has dedicated his distinguished career to improving community safety outcomes.

During his tenure, Mr Pearce reviewed significant incidents such as the 2019-20 Victorian bushfires, the 2016 thunderstorm asthma event and the remediation of Fiskville training college.

Prior to his appointment as Inspector-General, Mr Pearce held several senior roles in both state and federal government including four years in the role of Director-General, Emergency Management Australia.

Mr Pearce will remain in the role while the Government undertakes a recruitment process to appoint the next Inspector-General for Emergency Management.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Management Jaclyn Symes

"Mr Pearce has built a highly professional agency, delivering better outcomes for the community and improving how we plan and respond to emergencies."

"I would like to thank Mr Pearce for his commitment and dedication to the role and I wish him all the best for the future."