

Media Release

The Hon Vicki Ward MP

Minister for Emergency Services
Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery
Minister for Equality



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NEW TRIPLE ZERO VICTORIA CEO APPOINTED

Mr David Clayton APM has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Triple Zero Victoria for a five-year term following a competitive recruitment process.

Mr Clayton has been acting as Triple Zero Victoria Chief Executive Officer since 6 October 2025.

As Assistant Commissioner – State Emergencies & Support Command at Victoria Police, Mr Clayton oversaw state emergency response coordination, operational communications, regional emergency management, and state event planning and custody management.

Throughout this time, he has led complex operational, intelligence and emergency management functions at both metropolitan and statewide levels.

During his career, he has held a number of senior leadership positions, including Commander – Intelligence & Covert Support and Divisional Superintendent for Melbourne, as well as senior roles supporting state emergency response coordination and large-scale incident management.

Mr Clayton's appointment comes at a critical time as Triple Zero Victoria continues its transformation to strengthen emergency call-taking and dispatch services for the community. His proven ability to lead through complex challenges will ensure Triple Zero Victoria remains resilient and responsive into the future.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Services Vicki Ward

"Mr Clayton's understanding of emergency management and communications will mean Triple Zero Victoria continues to deliver reliable and responsive triple zero services for Victorians."

"I congratulate Mr Clayton on his appointment and thank him for his continued service to the Victorian community."