

## Minister Tony Piccolo

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### Emergency warning and day-to-day alerts close at hand

Real-time alerts about emergency situations – as well as day-to-day disruptions such as roadworks – will be close at hand with a new website and app being launched by the State Government.

The Alert SA website and app provides a comprehensive one-stop source of information about events and warnings - from fires, floods, storms to power outages, school closures and traffic and transport disruptions.

The new service brings together information from up to 14 organisations, including emergency service agencies, government departments and other organisations such as the Bureau of Meteorology and SA Power Networks.

Emergency Services Minister Tony Piccolo said people would be able to create personalized “watch zones” so that they receive alerts about events and warnings in areas of interest such as their home, work or places they frequently visit.

“People will be able to set up alerts for bushfire warnings close to their home and get information about school closures on high fire danger days,” Mr Piccolo said.

“But they’ll also be able to get information about day-to-day disruptions so they can change their route to work to avoid roadworks or other traffic disruptions.

“Information that has previously been available from a variety of sources will now be at your fingertips and personalised based on where you live and the places you visit.”

The smart phone app can pair with the Alert SA website and let you select the types of alerts you want to receive across multiple devices.

The Alert SA website will be available in four formats including a full site, a light site, a text-only site and a mobile site.

The mobile phone app will also allow you to choose to receive notifications about hazards near you when on the move in South Australia.

“There will also be an option to easily share event and warning information with others through a text message, via email and even uploading information to social media,” Mr Piccolo said.

“Wherever you are, we can now keep you in touch with the information that is important to you.”

A promotional campaign begins today to help spread the message about the new website and app. More information is available at [www.alert.sa.gov.au](http://www.alert.sa.gov.au) with the new app available to download today.

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