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BROADCASTERS TRAIN FOR EMERGENCY WARNINGS

Attorney-General Robert McClelland today welcomed a meeting of Australian broadcast industry representatives and state and territory emergency management officials, designed to foster greater collaboration in broadcasting emergency warnings to the public.

The *Working Together in Emergencies* training workshop brought together media and emergency management officials to enable greater mutual understanding of each other's priorities, practices and difficulties during emergencies.

The training package will now be made available for use by all broadcast media networks and all state and territory emergency management agencies.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the workshop was part of a long running program by the Australian Government to encourage stronger relationships between government and media for the broadcast of emergency warnings.

“It is essential that during emergencies the government and media work in partnership to inform and warn the community of the potential dangers and any required actions,” Mr McClelland said.

“While these relationships have for a long time existed at local levels, with the broadcast industry becoming increasingly national in its operations, this work to encourage greater national consistency and coordination is increasingly important.”

Mr McClelland thanked the broadcast media industries for their ongoing support of measures to improve emergency warnings arrangements.

“Their cooperation has allowed the identification and rectification of issues of joint concern including the effective wording of emergency warnings.”

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