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WEATHER INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE ON EMERGENCY WA

As part of the DFES Public Information team's commitment to continuous improvement of the State's warnings capability, weather information is now available on Emergency WA.

Providing this data through Emergency WA means the public can access the latest alerts and warnings from emergency services and simultaneously monitor the weather conditions without having to visit multiple information sources.

Sourced through a direct feed from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following layers can be switched on through the 'Filter' menu:

- Cyclone track map
- Rain radar
- Satellite imagery
- Thunderstorm tracker
- Wind direction and speed

Additionally, BoM warning data will be fed automatically into the warning creation module of Emergency WA – an exciting innovation which will allow DFES alerts to be issued with greater speed and precision than ever before.

Why has this change been made?

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This enhancement has been introduced in direct response to public feedback. During the most recent bushfire and cyclone season, a number of people asked how they could access information like wind direction and speed when putting their emergency plan into action.

This enhancement follows the success of the new 'incident area' feature – a popular addition which visually demonstrates where active fire has been occurring.

DFES is now providing Western Australians with more information than ever – giving people impacted by emergencies greater situational awareness through a single, consolidated view.



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Want to know more?

- Visit <u>Emergency WA</u> and try the new weather layers
- Read the <u>DFES media release</u>
- Contact the DFES Public Information Branch on statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au to request a demonstration.

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