



Community Bulletin

INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

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The department reminds the Christmas Island community that the updated Landslide Risk Management Plan for Flying Fish Cove and the Smith Point Road area is now available.

The plan has been endorsed by the Christmas Island Emergency Management Committee and sets out practical steps to help reduce the risk to people, homes and local businesses from landslides in these areas. It outlines the strategies and actions that should be taken to manage the hazard and supports community awareness about the causes of landslides and how risks can be reduced over time. You can download the full plan at the link: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/landslide-risk-management-plan-2025.pdf>

The plan is an important step in the long-term reduction and management of landslides and rockfalls on Christmas Island, however in the event of a major landslide or rockfall, the Territory Controller will take the lead under the Christmas Island Emergency Management Plan.

Staying alert during wet season

With the wet season underway, anyone living, working or spending time near Flying Fish Cove is encouraged to stay alert for signs of landslides and rockfalls, especially during or after heavy rain.

If the risk increases, you may see:

- Flashing lights or warning signs in affected areas
- Updates on IOT News or 6RCI Community Radio
- Notifications on the Emergency WA app (listed under "other"), using the Australian Warning System

The Australian Warning System uses three colour-coded levels to help you understand the situation at a glance:

- Yellow – Advice
- Orange – Watch and Act
- Red – Emergency Warning, meaning you must take immediate action for your safety and your family's safety.

If you notice a rockfall or landslide, please call the on-call AFP officer on 9164 8444.

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