

TRACKING

Our weather



The Australian Government has committed \$78.5 million over seven years to the Bureau of Meteorology to enhance its radar network and implement a next Generation Forecast and Warning System, increasing the level of service available to Australians.

Strategic Radar Enhancement Project - establishment

Bureau of Meteorology

The Bureau will commission four new radars to be installed over a five year period from 2009–10 to 2012–13 and invest in the underlying science to integrate this technology into the current radar network at a total cost of \$48.0 million over seven years. For the surrounding communities this will mean:

- enhanced weather surveillance for areas of significant population mass, currently with limited or no radar weather surveillance
- improved cyclone tracking and early warning capability
- improved rainfall, storm and flood threat protection.

Next Generation Forecast and Warning System - national roll-out

Bureau of Meteorology

- The Australian Government will provide \$30.5 million over five years to the Bureau of Meteorology to roll-out advanced weather forecasting and warning technology throughout Australia to enable more efficient and enhanced weather service delivery.
- The number of towns receiving seven day weather forecasts will be increased from the current seven capital cities to 650 towns across rural and regional Australia, ensuring greater equity of weather services for city and rural communities.