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## **\$5 MILLION TECH NETWORK TO PREPARE NSW FOR FUTURE FIRES AND FLOODS**

A new network dedicated to creating stronger connections between first responders, businesses and researchers will develop cutting-edge technology and help NSW better prepare for fires and floods.

Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology Alister Henskens said the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government will invest \$5.2 million to establish the Bushfire & Natural Hazards Technology Network, which will connect companies developing innovative technologies with emergency services, researchers and experts.

“NSW is already a world leader in bushfire technology and this new network of experts will build on that strong foundation to ensure we continue to develop cutting edge solutions that have the potential to save lives,” Mr Henskens said.

“On top of that, R&D and innovation in this space will create new jobs and cement NSW as Australia’s economic engine room and a global innovation powerhouse.”

The Network forms part of the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government’s \$28 million Bushfire Response R&D Mission, which aims to help the State better prepare for future natural hazards, as well as position NSW as a global leader in the commercial development and export of bushfire technology and services.

Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience Steph Cooke said the Network builds on the recently announced Bushfire and Natural Hazards Research Centre.

“Undertaking research and developing new technology will pay dividends for the State’s emergency services who will be better able to respond to the natural disasters we will inevitably face into the future, keeping our local communities safer and stronger,” Ms Cooke said.

More details and grants application can be [online](#).

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