

## Cyclone Flood and Fire Policy

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## Policy Statement

The Synod of the Diocese of the Northern Territory Inc. is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment. This means that Diocesan parishes, ministries and entities should be person-valuing, harm-free and respectful environments for ministry to God's glory. Precautions should be taken at all times, but with additional precautions applied during cyclone flood and fire warnings.

## Scope

The Cyclone flood and fire policy applies to all parishes, ministries and entities associated with the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory (other than separately incorporated bodies). Any other policy held by parishes, ministries and entities is to stand alongside the Diocesan cyclone flood and fire policy. In the event of any inconsistencies between the Diocesan policy and other parish, ministries or entities policies, the Diocesan Cyclone and flood policy shall prevail.

## **Guiding Principles**

All parishes, ministries and entities are to make necessary precautions and be in a state of readiness for the season.

In the event of a cyclone or other watch, the environment is to be secured as best as practicable within the time frame available.

Where possible, parishioners and attendees of activities of events are encouraged to use media such as radio and internet (when available) for updates on conditions. Parishes, ministries and entities are to maintain contact with parishioners and attendees of activities and events throughout cyclone or other watches or warnings. Communication is to be maintained for safety and pastoral reasons.

If a cyclone or other warning is declared, Diocesan, Parish, ministry or entity events or activities are not to be held whilst a warning remains in place.

Recommencement of activities is not to occur until the end of a warning has been declared and the environment is deemed to be safe for both travel and the event. Media and emergency services advice are to be heeded to ensure that conditions are safe.



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