

Tony Pearce was appointed Victoria's first Inspector-General for Emergency Management in July 2014, an independent Governor in Council Statutory Appointment, working closely with emergency management sector partners and the community to strengthen Victoria's emergency management arrangements and enhance community safety.

For 41 years he has worked in intelligence, national security, emergency and crisis management spending 9 years in the Royal Australian Air Force before moving into the emergency services/management sector. He has performed senior operational roles in several Victorian emergency service organisations before moving into senior crisis coordination and policy positions. Tony has held a number of senior roles in both state and federal government including 4 years in the role of Director-General, Emergency Management Australia.

He holds Graduate and Post-Graduate qualifications in Management, Health Science, Emergency Management, and Public Administration and is a graduate of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government, Victorian Leadership Development Centre, and Victorian Leadership Academy.

Tony has dedicated his professional career to improving community safety outcomes. He is a Blue-Ribbon Day Council Board member, and through his role as Chair of the Emergency Services Foundation is a passionate advocate for improving the mental health and well-being of emergency workers both volunteer and paid.