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New multi-million dollar upgrade building a safer South Australia

SAPOL's Communication Centre in the CBD will receive a \$16.5 million upgrade to safeguard the vital building from seismic events.

The upgrade, funded in the 2019-20 State Budget, will enable the Carrington Street Centre to operate as a post-disaster facility in the event of an earthquake.

The loss of the effective operations within the Centre as a result of a 1-in-500 year earthquake would leave South Australians vulnerable in the aftermath of such an event due to the inability of emergency services and police to effectively coordinate an appropriate response.

Minister for Police, Correctional Services and Emergency Services Corey Wingard, said the Marshall Liberal Government was not prepared to let the community remain at-risk of such an event.

"The Government is committed to building a secure and safe state for all South Australians, and these significant upgrades to this vital Centre will help deliver that."

The Government will allocate \$16.5 million over the three years from 2020-21 to upgrade the Centre.

Funding will be directed towards structural and mechanical engineering, expert design services, security treatments, and specialist detailing for fixtures to withstand seismic occurrences in the event of an earthquake and extend the life of the building.

The significant upgrade will complement the building of a new SAFECOM headquarters which is expected to be completed by December 2022.

The state-of-the-art SAFECOM headquarters will host a new command centre for the Country Fire Service and the State Emergency Service.