



### Pilot Logline

When an alien lifeform unleashes a holocaust on humanity, a Navy diver leads the survivors in a fight back against an ever-evolving, ever more frightening version of us, 'The Sentient.'

### Pilot Synopsis

War threatens in the Pacific and the Royal Australian Navy's, **Clearance Diver - Team One** and its commander, **Lt. Commander Michael Dowd** is tasked with clearing mines from Sydney harbour. When Dowd calls for the harbour to be closed, **Commodore Kathryn Freisler** refuses, leading to the death of Dowd's team.

Dowd is rescued by the only other surviving member of his team, **Petty Officer Lachlan Hunt**, then taken to a hyperbaric chamber at HMAS Penguin. On the way, he faces off against Commodore Freisler who is hell-bent on blaming Dowd. Dowd physically threatens Freisler. Dowd's threat is all Freisler needs to call for his arrest.

Dowd later wakes to discover a mysterious red storm has enveloped Sydney. Dowd emerges from the hyperbaric chamber into a frightening new reality that a force far greater than the Chinese military has arrived, and humanity's survival is at stake.

When Dowd encounters a dead nurse, he tries to revive her. When he encounters a stack of bodies piled to the ceiling, he seeks answers from fellow survivor, scientist, **Dr Amon Teicher**. When an alien life-form, **the Pied Piper**, leaves the hospital leading the human dead with him, Dowd resolves to get his people back and take the fight to this new enemy.

Upon leaving the hospital Dowd and Teicher encounter a savage red storm, threatening all of Sydney and a hapless sailor, **Able Seaman Che Amiri**. Amiri has become trapped near a construction site after trying to help a Navy officer who abandoned her there. Dowd and Teicher rescue Amiri and make their way to **Admiral J. Deakin Frank** and a **crowd of survivors** desperately trying to gain entry to a bunker. Before they can gain access, the supercell of the storm descends on Sydney vaporising the human population but not all of them.

Dowd seeks to comfort and rally the survivors but, shortly after, **Commodore Freisler** arrives with two **Navy Police Coxswains** seeking his arrest. Dowd tries reason. When that fails, he uses force, overpowering the Coxswains. Now Amiri and Teicher must choose whether they will go with Dowd or turn against him. They choose Dowd.

Dowd takes them to the Clearance Diver Operational area whereupon he discovers Amiri sought to become a Navy Diver but was refused because she's a woman. Dowd resolves to give her that opportunity. They discover fellow diver Petty Officer Lachlan has survived the storm and rally him to the cause of saving the Piper's prisoners. Teicher determines that, just like its namesake, the Pied Piper will take its prisoners to water. The team gun-up and make their way to the wharf only to discover the survivors face down in a dive pool and transforming into something other than human. Worse, the Pied Piper is protecting them. Dowd's investment in Amiri pays off when she disarms the Piper with a flashbang enabling the team to kill the Piper, but there's no saving the prisoners.

With his original plan dashed, Dowd leads the team to an abandoned Catamaran on the beach with the intention to sail across the harbour to HMAS Watson, but before they can alight the cat, they encounter a beach full of thousands of Pied Pipers coming ashore. The Pilot ends with Dowd, his team and **three new survivors** facing almost certain death.