



Speech by

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RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL SITE FIRE, TANAWHA

Mr LAMING (Mooloolah—LP) (10.16 a.m.): Early last Saturday morning there was a devastating fire at the Recycling Technology International site at Tanawha in the electorate of Mooloolah. Honourable members may have seen the fire at the site for a tyre recycling plant covered in the media. I understand that it was the first of its kind in Australia and potentially a world-class facility.

The object of this company is to redirect used tyres from landfill so that they can be recycled. It also represents an export replacement, as Australia imports virtually all of its rubber. The people running this plant have invested \$1.2m. The initial development of the machinery was done in Brisbane—locally made machinery. The equipment has the capacity to process a tonne of used tyres an hour. It is also able to perform many other processes, including the very important devulcanising of rubber. Importantly, under that process rubber is returned to its original latex form in which it can be reused.

The project now faces a four to six month delay. I have spoken with Mr Ted Pedersen. Because of the devastating fire, the three employees now do not have any work to do. They are planning to have five employees working in each of two shifts—a total of 10 employees. I intend to approach the Minister for State Development later today to discuss whether there is any way in which assistance can be given to get this very important process—a first in Australia and perhaps in the world—on the road again. I table the letter.

Time expired.
