



Speech by

**Hon. Pat Purcell**

**MEMBER FOR BULIMBA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Narangba Industrial Estate**

**Hon. PD PURCELL** (Bulimba—ALP) (Minister for Emergency Services) (10.11 am): This morning I am releasing the report of the Multi-Agency Fire and Firewater Risk Minimisation Inspection Program at the Narangba Industrial Estate. This program commenced following the August 2005 fire at Binary Industries in the Narangba Industrial Estate. It was conducted by the Department of Emergency Services, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations in conjunction with the Caboolture Shire Council. The report was finalised by all participating agencies earlier this month.

The report continues this government's commitment to dealing with all aspects of the Binary fire and it details the government's ongoing scrutiny of the entire Narangba Industrial Estate. It will be publicly available on the Emergency Management Queensland and Department of Emergency Services web sites later today.

The program involved officers inspecting facilities classified under the Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act 2001 as large dangerous goods locations or major hazard facilities. There were 16 companies within the estate which met these classifications. The program identified a number of regulatory issues, and directives and notices were issued where appropriate. I am advised by the various agencies involved that all have been complied with. The report also states that no issues were found that were sufficiently serious to warrant the raising of a directive to suspend operations under Section 97 of the Dangerous Goods Safety Management Act.

The report provides direction for occupiers of the estate, state government agencies and local councils when it comes to providing a safer environment surrounding these estates. While the program and recommendations apply to the Narangba Industrial Estate, there is a provision to adopt many of the recommendations in other similar estates around the state.

I advise the House that the government has agreed to all of the recommendations in the report. Work is already underway on several of them. Implementation of the recommendations will be overseen by the directors-general of departments as part of the Accelerated Planning Chief Executive Officers Group. I seek leave to table a copy of the report as well as an additional document outlining the implementation of the recommendations.

Leave granted.

*Tabled paper:* Document, dated April 2007, by the Caboolture Shire Council and Queensland Government titled 'Narangba Industrial Estate: Multi-Agency Fire and Firewater Risk Minimisation Inspection Program'.

*Tabled paper:* Document, dated 16 April 2007, titled 'Emergency Action Plan'.