



Speech By  
**Hon. Craig Crawford**


**MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Inspector-General Emergency Management, Review**

 **Hon. CD CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.03 am): Last month I requested the Inspector-General Emergency Management to undertake a thorough investigation into the state's emergency response to the September bushfires. This is to ensure best practice was followed and identify areas where improvements can be made. As this government did after last year's fires and this year's floods, we want to hear where our response efforts were most effective and where improvement may be needed.

The Inspector-General Emergency Management will consult with relevant local, state and federal agencies and entities, including the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. Bushfire affected communities in Stanthorpe, Sarabah and Peregian Springs are invited to have their say as part of IGEM's independent review. Public submissions are now open, and I encourage those affected to share their feedback and observations by making a formal submission to the review. The review will consolidate previous recommendations from the 2018 bushfire review published in July 2019.

This is about ensuring Queensland has the capability necessary to effectively prevent and respond to the threat of bushfires in Queensland. We should always strive for better. Recommendations from the review will ensure our future preparations and responses are in line with best practice. Public submissions can be made online or via email until 5 pm on 5 November.