



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**

**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Bushfire Prevention and Preparedness, Parliamentary Inquiry**



**Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.16 am): I give notice that I will move—

1. That the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 31 March 2020 on the effectiveness of the Queensland government's bushfire prevention and preparedness activities leading to the 2019 Queensland fires.
2. In undertaking this inquiry, the committee should consider:
  - (a) analysis of fire reduction practices conducted and coordinated by QFES including its responsibility to issue notices to landowners to reduce fuel loads including state controlled land and national parks;
  - (b) the IGEM 2018 bushfire report's findings that overall bushfire prevention activities undertaken by QFES declined 83 per cent, completed hazard reduction burns declined 75 per cent, completed firebreaks declined 82 per cent and community education activities declined 88 per cent in 2018 compared to 2016;
  - (c) the impact that a \$13 million, or 25 per cent, cut in 2019-20 funding compared to the previous financial year had on the Rural Fire Service;
  - (d) Auditor General's report No. 5, *Follow-up of bushfire prevention and preparedness* finding that QFES still did not know if Queensland's fuel loads were being managed effectively;
  - (e) the appropriateness of funding provided by government to implement fire reduction practices on state owned land and national parks,
  - (f) the failure to implement any of the Auditor-General's recommendations in report No. 10, *Bushfire prevention and preparedness*; and
  - (g) whether juveniles being charged and convicted of arson and endangering property are being appropriately dealt with.