



Speech By  
**Lachlan Millar**

**MEMBER FOR GREGORY**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Bushfire Prevention and Preparedness, Inquiry**



**Mr MILLAR** (Gregory—LNP) (10.12 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 6 May 2019 on the effectiveness of the Queensland government's bushfire prevention and preparedness activities leading to the 2018 Queensland fires.
2. In undertaking this inquiry, the committee should consider:
  - (a) analysis of fire reduction practices conducted on state owned land and national parks including the maintenance of strategic fire breaks and fire access trails and the reduction of fuel loads;
  - (b) examination of the appropriateness of funding provided by government to implement fire reduction practices on state owned land and national parks and provide for overtime for QPWS officers when they are needed to assist with the response to a fire in a national park;
  - (c) the effectiveness of the government's native vegetation and land management laws and practices in managing fire in the Queensland context;
  - (d) the reduction in the QFES hazard reduction burns in 2017 and 2018 compared to previous years;
  - (e) the effectiveness and timeliness of government issued fire reduction permits needed by landholders to conduct fire preparedness activities;
  - (f) the failure to implement any of the Auditor-General's recommendations from *Bushfire prevention and preparedness* (report 10:2014-15);
  - (g) consideration of the appropriateness of penalties for those deliberately starting fires; and
  - (h) analysis of communication practices undertaken to provide information to affected communities before, during and after bushfire events.