



Speech By
Hon. Craig Crawford

MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER


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LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

Resumed from 6 February (see p. 265), on motion of Mr Russo—

That the House take note of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Report No. 49, 56th Parliament, *Examination of Queensland Audit Office report 5: 2018-19: Follow-up of bushfire prevention and preparedness*, tabled on 20 September 2019.

 **Hon. CD CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (3.02 pm), continuing: To ensure we continue delivering world-class emergency services, I regularly task IGEM to assess the state's emergency responses to natural disasters. Similar reviews are already undertaken in other bushfire impacted states. With the federal government now moving into a royal commission, it would be foolish to look back instead of looking forward. I quote the Deputy Leader of the National Party, David Littleproud, so those opposite can understand what I say, 'We should not put ourselves backwards in terms of looking forward.'

After releasing its *Bushfire prevention and preparedness* report in January 2019, QFES wrote to the Audit Office and advised that it considered the QAO report closed. We do not need 5-year-old recommendations from an 11-year-old fire to guide best practice. QFES will continue to evolve to ensure that they use absolute best practice to keep people safe. To do that, we need to look forwards, not backwards.