




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Bushfires

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.04 am): Following a mild start to this year's bushfire season, many parts of the state are this week going to experience an increase in bushfire potential, with high to very high bushfire danger ratings in some areas. Under these conditions, we can expect fires to start and take hold quickly.

From today until 20 September, the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Predictive Services Unit, through internal analytical and Bureau of Meteorology forecasting, have identified areas that may be of higher risk of bushfire activity. Those areas include from the Atherton Tablelands to the northern savanna grasslands and increased fire potential along the east coast from Townsville to the Fraser Coast and the Central Highlands.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services is well prepared to respond to any increase in bushfire activity, with ground crews and aerial support available, if required. Conditions will begin to ease late in the week and into the weekend. I encourage all Queenslanders, particularly those Queenslanders in the areas of high to very high risk, to be well prepared not only for this week but for the entire 2021 bushfire season.