




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Community Safety) (10.18 am): I can inform the House that Queensland's Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management, known as the IGEM, will conduct a review of the severe weather events relating to the 2023-24 severe weather season. The review will include the severe storms, flooding, tropical cyclones and tropical lows and bushfires and will also include any further significant weather events that may occur prior to the official conclusion of the severe weather season.

Many Queenslanders were harshly impacted by these events. Bushfires destroyed homes across the south-west. Many homes and businesses were impacted by flooding in the north-west, west, north and far north of the state. Storms caused severe damage in the north and in the south-east. The damage bill is significant and many people are still feeling the effects. Every severe weather season is different and we can always learn from what has happened.

The IGEM will assess many factors, including preparedness, response, assistance provided, and also the timing and effectiveness of the new Australian Warning System messaging. For the purposes of the review, the IGEM will work closely with all relevant local, state and Commonwealth government agencies and entities, including the Bureau of Meteorology and other relevant agencies and entities. The review will identify enhancements to inform and ensure continuous improvement in the Queensland Disaster Management arrangements. Importantly, the IGEM will engage with impacted communities and consider the views of community members.

The terms of reference for the IGEM review will be on the IGEM website by the end of the week, and the IGEM will publish a community engagement schedule in the near future. We expect an interim IGEM report by the end of July and the final report is to be provided by the end of September.