

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1826

asked on Wednesday, 26 November 2008

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MS LEE LONG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Treatment Works at Irvinebank—

When will departmental fire and pest/weed control officers undertake (a) effective control burns around the treatment works precinct and (b) major vegetation control to protect building and declutter gutters to reduce fire risk?

ANSWER:

The Tablelands Regional Council is the appointed trustee of the parcels of land containing the former State treatment works at Irvinebank and, as such, the issues in question is a matter for Council to address.

Despite this, the Department of Natural Resources and Water regularly undertake collaborative projects with other stakeholders to manage risk, such as wildfires. Recently, my Department assisted the Tablelands Regional Council to conduct control burns in and around the parcels of land containing the former State treatment works.