

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 1601**

**asked on Wednesday, 28 October 2009**

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MR WATT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of work undertaken to date in Bunyaville State Forest to reduce the risk of damage to neighbouring property from bushfires?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for the question and his commitment to park management.

Planned burning was undertaken at Bunyaville Forest Reserve in late August and early September 2009 by Department of Environment and Resource Management staff in cooperation with Moreton Bay Regional Council and local Queensland Rural Fire Service brigade.

These burns were a combination of three programmed planned burns and a response to increased fuel loads generated by the storms in November 2008. This burning reduced the fuel hazard from high to low along the northern park boundary. The total area burnt was more than 75 hectares. The burnt area provides a mitigating effect to wildfire affecting residential infrastructure on the park boundary.

Additional fuel reduction was undertaken along the park neighbour interface for approximately two kilometres by both machine mulching and hand mulching at the same time.