

**Question on Notice
No. 506
Asked on 5 June 2014**

MR WELLINGTON asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

With reference to the Mapleton State Forest on the Sunshine Coast—

What is the government's plan to undertake a hazard reduction burn in this forest?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) within the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is planning to undertake seven hazard reduction burns (weather dependant), totalling approximately 929 hectares, in the Mapleton National Park (formerly Mapleton State Forest and Forest Reserve) this coming 2014 burn season. The planned burn season for QPWS on the Sunshine Coast usually commences in early winter and ends in spring.

QPWS conducts planned burns for hazard reduction and conservation purposes in accordance with fire management strategies and supporting documents such as QPWS's bioregional planned burn guidelines. Planned burning in Mapleton National Park is undertaken rotationally according to its fire strategy, measured fuel loads and previous fire history. Further, planned burns are conducted during weather conditions that are suitable to conduct the burn safely and effectively.