

NOTICE OF MOTION


SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR: Councillor R Baberowski

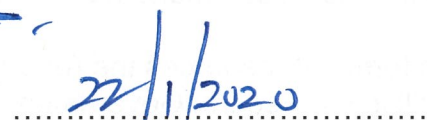
COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary Meeting 30 January 2020

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 30 January 2020:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to

- (a) Prepare a report for Council's consideration for resourcing our Local Disaster Management Group to lead the development of a new and more comprehensive Sunshine Coast Wild Fire Preventative Strategy for the region. The strategy is to consider such items as a hazard reduction burn regime, QFS resource strategy, indigenous advice, free or discounted green waste disposal during times of total fire bans and other recommendations to achieve the objective.
- (b) Present the report at the earliest opportunity and if possible the Ordinary Meeting on 19 March 2020.


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Councillor


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Date

To all Councillors and Group Executives

I hereby notify that Councillor Baberowski intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday 30 January 2020.


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Chief Executive Officer

22/1/2020
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Date

COUNCILLOR COMMENT

Councillors, I believe we are all aware that we are experiencing unprecedented levels of community concern at both a national and local level relating to wild fires, the extreme weather conditions behind them and our collective ability to better prepare and respond.

I have had a number of the community contact me calling for council to do more to help proactively reduce our regions fuel loads (high risk vegetation) as a preventative strategy, for example by waving green waste fees during a declared total fire ban.

The point is that, the community is looking for leadership and wants to see the rapid development of a range of practical and 'doable' short term responses as well as new more comprehensive longer term plans focused on prevention.

We are fortunate as a council that we have not stood still in terms of disaster management and have considerable talent, experience and networks already in place, particularly in our Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG). But we can always do more to better understand what's changing and bring our considerable capacity to bear on this serious new environment.

I would like to ask you to consider resourcing our LDMG to lead the development of a new and more comprehensive Sunshine Coast Wild Fire Preventative Strategy, which would include all stakeholders and consider such items as a hazard reduction burn regime, QFS resource strategy, indigenous advice, free or discounted green waste disposal during times of total fire bans, and other recommendations to achieve the objective.

In terms of resources the report could consider any immediate opportunity to utilise the Federal Governments recent \$1m Bushfire Assistance Fund.