

Media Release

Community invited to have their say on K'gari (Fraser Island) Bushfire Review

The community is invited to have their say as part of the Inspector-General Emergency Management's (IGEM) review into the K'gari (Fraser Island) bushfire event.

Inspector-General Emergency Management, Alistair Dawson APM said public submissions were now open until 22 January 2021.

"The six-week public submission phase will ensure the bushfire review takes into consideration the views and experiences of First Nations people, local residents, business and tourism operators, local community and environment groups, emergency services personnel and volunteers, and other interested parties," Mr Dawson said.

"The community's views and experiences will help inform the outcome of the review."

Mr Dawson said further community engagement opportunities were planned by IGEM.

"Public submissions are an opportunity for people to share their feedback on what worked well and any areas for improvement.

"Video files, photographs, and historical documents are also welcomed in addition to written submissions related to the review's terms of reference."

The review will examine the effectiveness of preparedness activities and the response to the K'gari bushfire event.

It will consider the cultural and environmental significance of the island, and consolidate observations, insights, findings and recommendations from previous bushfire reviews undertaken by IGEM, in addition to the final report of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

Public submissions can be made via email to: Kgari.Review@igem.qld.gov.au or via post to: GPO Box 1425, Mail Cluster 15.7 Brisbane, Queensland 4001.

Submissions will remain open until 5pm AEST on Friday 22 January 2021.

For more information on the review and guidance on how to make a relevant submission visit the IGEM website at: www.igem.qld.gov.au

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