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From: CAMBOURN Neil
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 10:33 AM
To: James Haig
Subject: FW: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Hi James, as discussed, the interactions are in the email below re the K'gari fire.

Our guys are getting unwarranted pressure from local officer Andrew Marnie to back burn around Orchid Beach township in conditions that are prescribed in the BOM advice received from QFES as "Backburning is not advised/ extremely risky".

As per our discussion, should there be any risk to Orchid Beach life or property this matter needs to be led by QFES as the State's lead for fire where it threatens life and property.

The fact that QFES have advised they don't want to lead this fire, we assume that life and property is not currently under threat and we will continue to work as the Incident Control to attempt to manage the bushfire in the landscape.

The advice on the water bombing aircraft being deployed to assist this morning, and your offer to provide the predictive modelling to our IC is appreciated thanks.

Thanks, Regards Neil



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Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 9:45 AM
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Subject: FW: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Neil,

QFES response fyi.

Mick Cubis

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Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 9:39 AM
To: CUBIS Mick
Subject: FW: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire



Mick – post latest request to ‘stop lighting’. A chronology relating to the tactics decision for Tuesday 20Oct2020 sits below:

9.09am Call from Mick Cubis – okay to start light-up due to ‘life and property issue’ as unable to get onto ED/ADG.
9.12am I rang James Kuskie (QPWS-IC) to ‘start lighting’ and work with QFES to undertake as per joint plan.
9.13am I rang for Andrew Marnie (QFES) but he was on another call. Left msg to call me.
9.17am Call from Mick Cubis – stop lighting advice from ADG, unless QFES take ownership of fire effort.
9.18am Andrew Marnie (QFES) rang back - I let him know we needed to stop light-up and the only option to continue with light-up tactic today was for QFES to take control of the fire.
9.20am I rang James Kuskie as IC to ‘stop lighting’.
9.22am Andrew Marnie (QFES) rang back again – QFES will definitely not be taking control of the fire and he asked for contact point for ADG so that his hierarchy could interact at level. He also asked for information about who was who in line management and where our ADG sat within the system.

Andrew has requested QPWS stance be put in writing.

Regards, Marc

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I give my respect to the traditional and custodial Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Elders and Owners of the Land in which I work, live and walk.

From: DARGUSCH Marc

Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 9:07 AM

To: CUBIS Mick

Subject: RE: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Hi Mick –anything I can do to assist in getting timely decision ?

Ta, M

From: DARGUSCH Marc

Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 8:22 AM

To: CUBIS Mick

Subject: RE: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Mick – Just had call from Andrew Marnie. He has approval from QFES side (Peter Hollier) to backburn behind the Orchid Beach township ASAP on the basis of protecting life and property. They want to commence at 9am.

I'll call you.

Regards, Marc

From: DARGUSCH Marc
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 8:02 AM
To: CUBIS Mick
Subject: FW: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Hiya – wildfire factors have changed overnight. The fire has advanced significantly to the east across K'gari (nearly to Corroboree Beach) which exposes Orchid Beach to the southerly wind change (refer hotspot maps at bottom of email).

Anyways – I've talked with Andrew Marnie (QFES) and he is currently packaging up things from his side which I will send through. It is highly likely that QFES will want to burn due to threat to life and property.

Talk more soon.

Regards, Marc

From: DARGUSCH Marc
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 7:38 AM
To: LAVENDER Sven; KUSKIE James
Cc: YETMAN Brendon; DARGUSCH Anthony
Subject: FW: FMP/tactics for Duling CZ Wildfire

Guys – just flagging that there is currently **no approval** to put fire into the Duling CZ wildfire.

I've spoken with Andrew Marnie (QFES) and we both acknowledged that we need both organisations (QFES/QPWS) to give nod to backburning at Exec level prior to light-up as some of the factors that drive the need to backburn are diametrically opposed:

The case for no backburning includes:

Choose Wildfire or HRB
Wildfire Behaviour Guidance

3 Day Look Ahead - Daily Peak Wildfire Behaviour Guidance in
FRASER ISLAND in NORTH COAST Region, MARYBOROUGH R

Monday, 19 October
2020

With a forecast peak daily fireline intensity of 8566 potentially UNSAFE / backburning is potentially RISKY
estimated peak daily forward rate of spread of 176
fuels are more resistant to changes in humidity and
it may not carry vigorous fire until the wind reaches

Tuesday, 20 October
2020

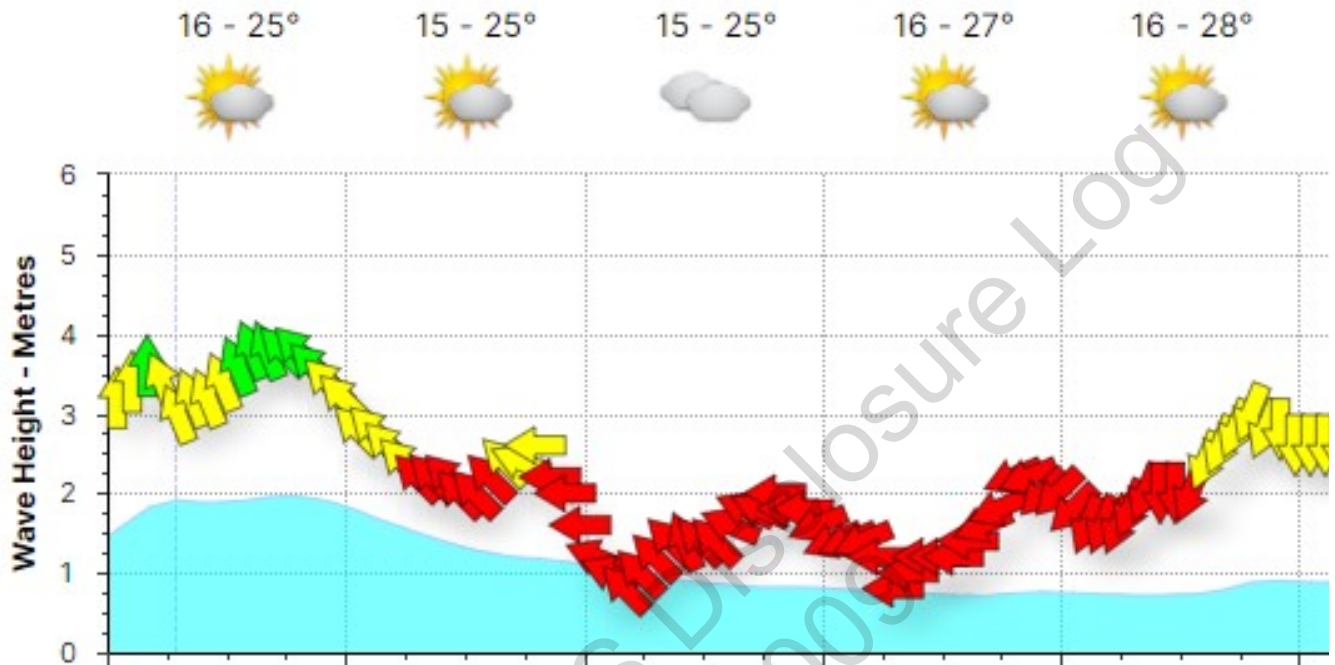
With a forecast peak daily fireline intensity of 1042
UNSAFE / backburning is NOT ADVISED/EXTREMELY
surface fire with an estimated peak daily forward r
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not carry vigorous fire until the wind reaches a three

Wednesday, 21

With a forecast peak daily fireline intensity of 8593
potentially UNSAFE / backburning is potentially RISKY

Sunshine Coast Weather Forecast

7 Day Wind & Wave Forecast for SUNSHINE



FORECAST ▾

RADARS & MAPS ▾

WARNINGS

Updated at 06:40 EST

22.0°C



Feels like 22.4 °C

Clearing
shower

Orchid Beach f

Partly cloudy. S
likely in the late
chance of a thu
Winds NE/SE 1
the morning th
in the middle of
temperatures a

Dew Point
17.4 °CGusts
13km/hRelative
Humidity
75%Pressure
1015.2hPaWind
S 11km/hRainfall
0.0mm
[HERVEY BAY](#) [MARYBOROUGH](#) [BUNDABERG](#)
[LADY ELLIOT ISLAND](#)

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High

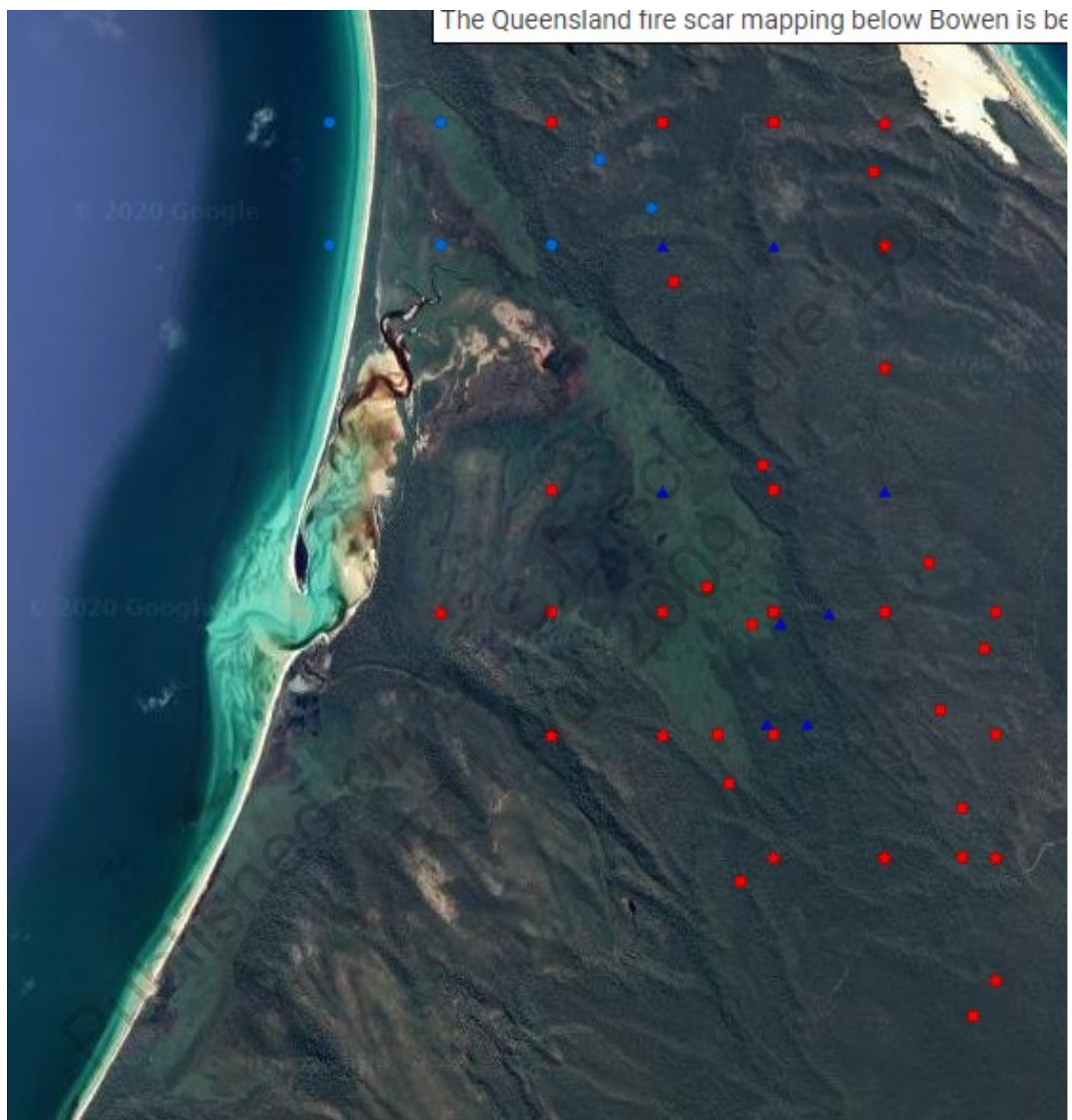
DAM LEVELS

ORCHID BEACH 7 DAY FORECAST

28 DAYS RAINF

	TUE Oct 20	WED Oct 21	THU Oct 22	FRI Oct 23
Summary	 Clearing shower	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny
Maximum	27°C	27°C	27°C	28°C
Minimum	17°C	16°C	16°C	17°C
Chance Of Rain	40%	40%	30%	10%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
UV Index	Very High	Very High	Extreme	Extreme
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The fire has advanced significantly overnight towards east coast meaning that there is a real threat to Orchid Beach if winds are from South.



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I'll continue to liaise with Andrew and QPWS hierarchy to determine a way forward. Do not put fire in block until this is sorted.

Thanks for continued work. My mobile is on if you need to talk.

Regards, Marc

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Date : 25/11/2020 12:23:02 PM
From : "BEHRENDORFF Linda"
To : "Andrew Marnie"
Subject : FW: SMEAC SitRep_20201125_1100
Attachment : SMEAC SitRep_25112020_1100.docx;image001.png;image002.png;

'The legacy you leave for colleagues emerging behind you, is how you allow yourself to be treated by others.'



Linda Behrendorff

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I acknowledge and pay my respect to Traditional Owners as the Custodians of the Lands and Seas on which I walk, work and live on.

From: CONNOR Nathan <Nathan.Connor@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 November 2020 12:22 PM
To: CUBIS Mick; DARGUSCH Marc; MCLAUGHLIN Marty; Peter.Hollier@qfes.qld.gov.au; Brittany Hewson
Cc: BEHRENDORFF Linda
Subject: SMEAC SitRep_20201125_1100

Hi all,

Please see attached Situation Report as per our IMT meeting this morning. I am keen to keep the format as a SMEAC brief for consistency going forward.

Happy to discuss.

Nathan



FIRE OPERATIONS BRIEFING

- This form provides a standardised format for operational briefings, provides prompts for inclusion, and is to be retained as a record of the briefing.
- SMEACS element inclusions can be modified to suit local factors.
- It can be used as an Incident Action Plan for smaller incidents with the addition of a fire incident map, more detailed Mission and Execution elements, and Incident Structure / Communications chart.

INCIDENT

NAME: Duling WF

DATE: 25/11/2020

TIME: 1100

GROUP BEING BRIEFED:

Is this an Incident Action Plan: ☒ yes ☐ no : Fire Incident Map Provided: ☐ yes ☐ no

State reason – if 'no' for Fire Incident Map:

Incident Structure / Communications Chart Provided: ☒ yes ☐ no

PREPARED FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD

From: 1000 25/11/2020

To: 1430 25/11/2020

Prepared by:

SITUATION e.g.

- Current fire activity
- Threats & impact time
- Weather forecast
- Resources

Fire is burning in the north near Sandy Cape, around Cathedral Beach and Happy Valley. The fire continues to burn in the south of the island.

BAC rangers are implementing protection burning around cultural assets Signific

Significant cultural information - Butchulla people - Butchulla people

Detailed weather is attached

Priority on developing and implementing IAP – including fortifying Cornwells road to improve track condition. Core ignitions are planned for later this afternoon – 1700, with crews to work along Cornwells track to backburn off as needs arise.

MISSION – Objective

- S** - Is it *specific*
- M** - Can progress be *measured*
- A** - Is it *achievable*
- R** - Is it *relevant* to the situation
- T** - What is the *timeframe*

Hold fire nth of Cornwells/Smith Poyungan firebreak.

Direct strategy ahead of planned burn out operations. Actively reduce unburnt vegetation under controlled conditions within core and reduce the fires ability to spot over containment line.

EXECUTION e.g.

- Strategy, tactics
- Tasks allocated
- Trigger points

Hold fire nth of Cornwells/Smith Poyungan firebreak. Fireline preparation to be completed by 1700 25/11. Integrated burn out operations to commence on falling hazard (late in the day/early evening) with ground operations to be conducted in concert with aerial core ignition north of Cornwells break and south of head fire.

Crews to be retained at Happy Valley community for monitoring and protection.

Significant cultural information - Butchulla people - Butchulla people

ADMINISTRATION e.g.

- Support and logistics
- Crew shift / roster arrangements
- Water sources, food and fuel

Working on improving forward planning, and shift needs. Further work to come in Section

COMMAND e.g.

- Command structure
- Control points
- Comms channels
- Call signs
- Sitrep instructions

IMT established at Rainbow Beach IC Nathan Connor
Call sign Duling Control
Divisional Cmd at Dundubara base Linda Behrendorff

See attached Comms Chart – current as at 1100 – 25/11/2020

SAFETY e.g.

- Key safety issues
- Local safety zones

Schoolies and other tourists entering Cornwells road

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall back options - Emergency response procedures 	Key Track Closures to the public currently being organised for Cornwells Track
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Media implications - Ask for questions - Confirm understanding 	DES media team on standby to assist in external inquiries etc.

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