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To : "OLIVER Nathan"
Subject : FW: K'Gari Fire Support
Attachment : Incident Brief_ Fraser Island (K'gari) Fire (Initial).pdf;Rainbow Beach ICC IF-08- Inc Org-Chart 29.11.2020 (002) AMMENDED.docx;Ready Reserve availability.xlsx;QFES talking points - Mon 30 Nov 6am.docx;image001.png;image002.png;image004.png;

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Cc: KLAASSEN Ben; BROOK Scott; WRIGHT Michelle; HEINRITZ Richard; POWLEY Alicia
Subject: K'Gari Fire Support

Hi all, please see attached latest SDCC advice on K'Gari fire situation (first attachment), and incident control Org Chart (second attachment).

As some of you are aware, I have put the call out to all QPWS Regional Directors and ED's yesterday to consider what assistance we can collectively muster over the coming days and weeks, and we will compile broader availability info tomorrow for the IMT's logistical planning team consideration (I have attached current ready reserve info in last attachment for IMT preliminary consideration – Richard Heinritz who normally coordinates this is at fires in SW Region).

James Haig QFES IC has also requested that we start to assemble a recovery cell, to start to assess environmental impacts and work to make areas safe (from treefalls etc) for reopening as soon as possible.
Can Kirstin/ Manda/ Leigh and Troy please consider this request along with availabilities of appropriate threatened species and/ or ecological assessment teams (as well as herbarium if needed) to commence ecological assessment work as soon as IMT give the ok to move into specific areas.
Integrity assessments of the rainforest communities would be high on the agenda.

We will also need further operational staff/ machinery operators (could be contract) and chainsaw operators to open tracks and camping areas etc. Butchulla representation is also necessary in these teams please.

Mick can you and your RCC team please talk to and work with Scott as Deputy IC and his IMT to consider what resources we may need for initial discussion.
ED's/ RDs and Directors - We have a COVID Ops catch up at 1130 so will discuss this then and begin collating the information to feed back into IMT.

Updated QFES talking points as at this morning are in the fourth attachment.

Thanks, Regards Neil

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Incident Brief
Fraser Island (K'gari) Fire (Initial)

Incident Time	14/10/2020 13:23	**Report ID**	R19884522
Event(s)	Operation Quell		
Next Report	TBC		

Incident Details

Incident Type	Fire
Authority	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Lodging Officer	State Duty Officer - SDCC Watch Desk

Executive Summary

Summary

A large vegetation fire continues to burn through central areas of Fraser Island. The fire reportedly started on October 14 at an Orchid Beach campsite towards the northern end of the Island.

Control of this incident was transferred to QFES on the 27/11/20 with QPWS, Traditional Owners and partners continuing to support the operation.

Area of Operations

Location	Fraser Island QLD AUS	**Notified**
QFES Regions	North Coast ROC	Yes
DDMGs	Maryborough DDMG	Yes
LDMGs	Fraser Coast LDMG	Yes

Incident Summary

Situation

To date the fire has burnt through over 72,000 hectares of difficult terrain with QFES,

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QPWS and QPS all closely coordinating the operational response. Today the fire has traveled quickly through bushland approximately 2.3km northeast of Kingfisher Bay Resort and moving away to the south-southeast.

After local emergency services engaged with staff from the Kingfisher Bay Resort, the resort management opted to self evacuate their holiday-makers and guests back to Hervey Bay and anticipate this to be completed by 1030hrs Monday 30 November 2020. Resort staff and emergency services are expected to remain on-site pending fire conditions. There are a number of campers and guests at various sites including the Eurong Beach Resort.

Although extensive water-bombing operations continue and fire breaks are strengthened, the fire is not expected to be fully extinguished until substantial rainfall is received. There is no rainfall forecast for the next 7 days with high temperatures in the low 30's with predominantly northwest to northeasterly winds expected.

Critical Issues

Fraser Island is a UNESCO World Heritage listed location with a number of culturally and environmentally significant sites. An assessment of fire damage to these sites has not yet been conducted.

There is a limited number of ferry / barge operations to and from the Island, local emergency services are working closely with ferry operators to meet the logistical requirements and evacuation demand.

Community Impact

Human

A number of culturally significant sites on the island may have sustained damage which may trigger a human social impact.

Economic

This incident has generated a substantial economic impact on not only island businesses but tourism operators from the greater Fraser Coast. Tourism operators and accommodation providers typically hold very high reservations this time of year based on the availability of Fraser Island and associated attractions.

Environmental

A number of access tracks may require clearing and maintenance due to fallen limbs, downed trees and heavy machinery access.

The fire will likely burn through areas of environmental significance including rainforests in the "Valley of The Giants".

Response Operations

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Agency	Response Operations
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Assumed overall control of incident at 1200hrs 27/11/20
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	Supporting firefighting operations.
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	Maintaining and messaging island camping permit holders as required.
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Emergency Management Coordinator liaising with LDMG & DDMG
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Emergency Alert mapping & messaging drafted.
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Coordinating firefighting personnel & aerial assets
Queensland Ambulance Service	Positioned additional crew on the island.
Queensland Police Service	Positioned additional resources on the island.
Queensland Police Service	Liaising with all agencies involved and briefing disaster management groups and command as required.
Queensland Police Service	Assisting with the overall relocation of guests from Kingfisher Resort.
Queensland Police Service	Cultural engagement is on-going with local leaders and government agencies.
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Monitoring culturally sensitive sites.

SDCC Watch Desk

The State Disaster Coordination Centre Watch Desk operates on a 24-hour capability and can be contacted as undersigned for further information.

The SDCC Watch Desk is responsible for reporting on emergency and disaster management activities and providing situational awareness to enhance decision making for emergency management, disaster management and senior QFES stakeholders.

Some information is obtained from unofficial sources and may not have been verified.

State Disaster Coordination Centre
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Kedron Queensland 4031
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Fax: (07) 3357 4682
Email: sdcc@qfes.qld.gov.au

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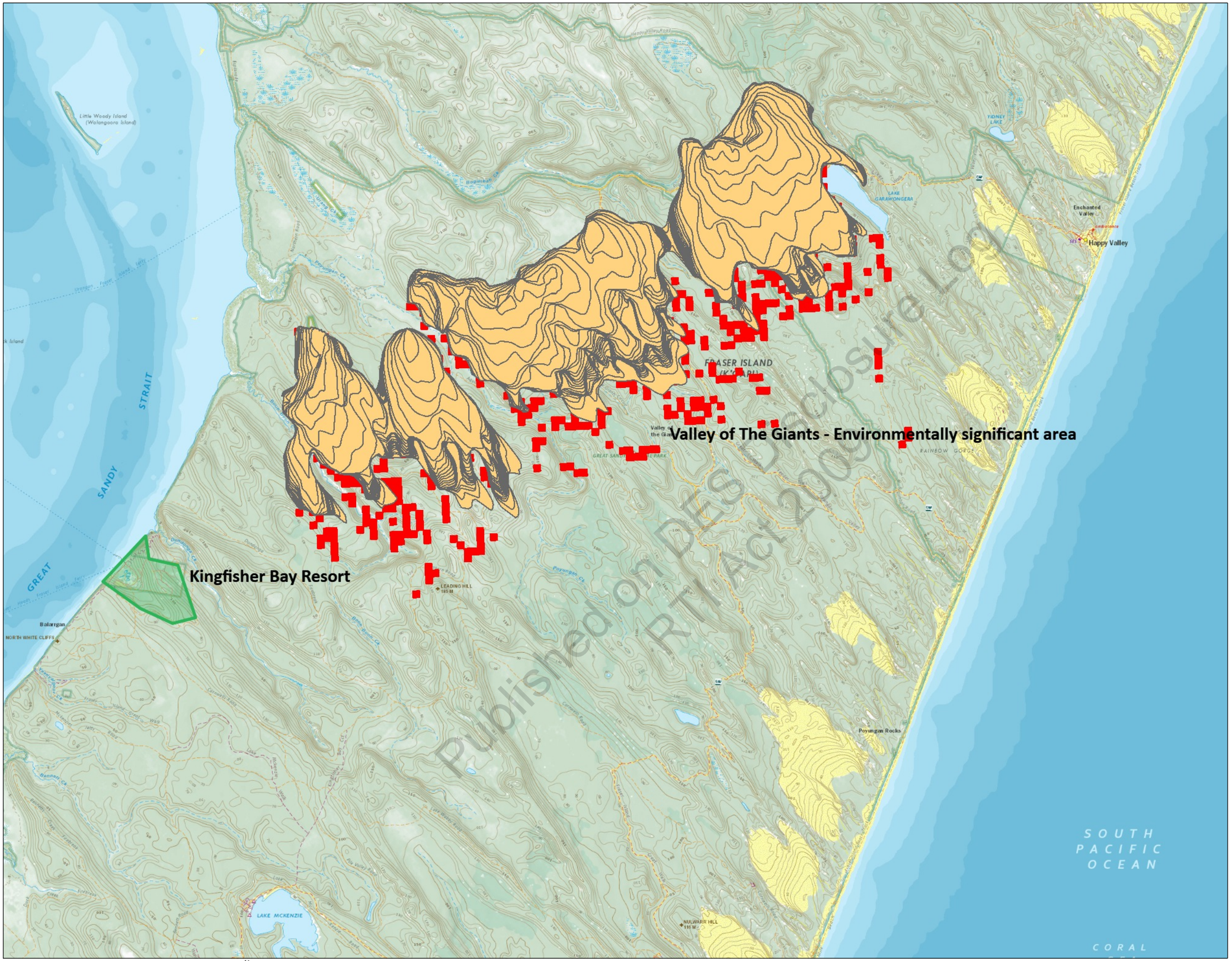

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	INCIDENT NAME QF4-20-116117 Fraser Island.	PREPARED BY	Brittany Hewson	APPROVED BY	James Haig
	INCIDENT LOCATION Fraser Island	POSITION	IC support/admin/logistics	POSITION	Incident Controller

DEPUTY IC LIFE/PROPERTY

QFES - Mark Long
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DEPUTY IC LANDSCAPE

QPWS Scott Brooks
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HAPPY VALLEY DIV COM

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WESTERN DIV COMMANDER

QPWS John Klekar
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EASTERN DIV COM
Eurong

QPWS - Di Bowman
QFES Andrew Marnie

RFS STRIKE TEAM

SL Ken Stockton
5 crews
2 Maryborough crew

RFS STRIKE TEAM

2 RFS Maryborough Crew
2 Local island crew
2 x Urban Tewantin Echo.

QPWS CREW

7 QPWS Crew

1 x BLSR Crew

PLANNING OFFICER

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QFES FBAN Franis Hines
QFES Richard Onn Personal info
Support QFES Brittany Hewson Personal info

FRS STRIKETEAM

4 X FRS Crew

FIRECOM OPERATOR

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LOGISTICS OFFICER

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QPWS Michelle Wright Personal info
Support QPWS Alicia Powley Personal info

QPWS FRASER ISLAND VISTOR MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Marc Dargusch

QPWS – Support Personnel – Emma Barraclogh.
QPWS Brendan Yetman – Fraser Island Evacuation Plan.

POI Officer

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NOTE

Operations/Logistics/Planning units report to relevant deputy IC as displayed however cross agency cooperation as a united IMT units.

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Ready Reserve Availability

	Last updated availability	27/11/2020	28/11/2020	29/11/2020	30/11/2020	1/12/2020	2/12/2020	3/12/2020
Richard Orchard (Personal information	6/11/2020	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Bruce Duncombe	26/11/2020	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Gemma Blake Personal information	20/11/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sophie Cooper	26/11/2020	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Todd Kelly	10/11/2020	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Benjamin Heathwood Personal information	9/11/2020	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Tim Killen Personal information	26/11/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jenise Blaik Personal information	16/11/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael O'Neill Personal information	9/11/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Richard Heinritz	26/11/2020	Y	Barakula	Barakula	Barakula	Barakula	Y	Y
Joshua Birse Personal information	17/11/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steve Hoseck Personal information	26/11/2020	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mick Siebuhr	26/11/2020	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andrew Lowe Personal information	26/11/2020	Y	Barakula	Barakula	Barakula	Barakula	N	N

Public Holiday

Approved Leave

Current shift planning (3 x 4 days)

Check in with Ready Reservists re: longer term availability

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Key points

- As at 0700 this morning there are 35 fires burning across Queensland
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) crews and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) rangers and Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation rangers are continuing firefighting operations on K'gari (pronounced "gari") (Fraser Island).
- Additional Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) and Rural Fire Service (RFS) resources crews have been pre-deployed to the Kingfisher Resort and Happy Valley precincts and are undertaking preparation works in the areas.
- Significant resources are being used to support ongoing firefighting operations, including heavy machinery and 21 aerial assets including water bombing, air attack and observation aircraft.
- On Saturday, three fireboss fixed-wing aircraft dropped 84 loads of saltwater on the large fire at K'gari Fraser Island, totalling 250,000 litres.
- This firefighting operation continued on Sunday and today, with 10 aircraft immediately available for the Frazer island fire, including the large Air tanker and three amphibious water bombers.
- Residents and those providing essential services can still travel between the island and the mainland, however travel for **visitors** to the island was stopped at 5pm Friday 27 November.
- Restrictions remain in place until further notice, with heightened fire conditions expected to continue.
- These restrictions **do not** signal an evacuation of the island and anyone who is currently on the island is able to stay but we are asking everyone to pay attention to current warnings as the situation could deteriorate.
- Kingfisher Bay Resort has made the decision to temporarily close the resort from today (Monday, 30 November) to 14 December to prioritise the safety and well-being of their staff and guests.
- QFES has been working with Kingfisher Bay Resort management over recent days and will continue to do so and are supportive of their proactive approach, and we appreciate their support.
- QPWS have developed a staged road closure plan for the island based off expected conditions. A number of inland roads have already been closed with further track closures expected.

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- Residents, campers and visitors already on the island should also limit their movements to within close proximity of where they are staying and avoid travelling on any closed roads.

- All tour operations on K'gari/Fraser Island are cancelled until further notice.

- The bushfire started on 14 October 2020 and QFES crews and QPWS rangers have been fighting the fire since this time.

- The fire has burnt approximately 74,000 hectares, after starting in the north of the island.

- The fire has two major fronts, one north of Kingfisher Bay Resort and one west of Cathedrals on Fraser. The fire in each front is travelling in a south-easterly direction.

- While the fire is behaving as predicted, QFES and QPWS crews remain vigilant and well-prepared given the variability of conditions that can occur on the island.

- QFES and QPWS crews have been working with the traditional owners of the land, the Butchulla people, to minimise the environmental and cultural impacts of firefighting operations.

- K'gari (say "gari") is home to a large variety of wildlife, and mainly known for its dingo population, which is protected. Other types of wildlife include snakes, birds and marine animals.

- QPWS will assess the impact the fire has on animals and the environment, while the main priority at this time is to contain the blaze and protect life and property.

- QFES' Large Air Tanker (LAT) has been used to assist ground crews so far and may be used in future operations to strengthen containment lines and slow the progress of the blaze.

- A bushfire community warning is in place, currently sitting at an ADVICE level where people are being asked to **Stay Informed** of the situation.

- Residents, campers and visitors already on K'gari should stay up-to-date with the latest bushfire community warnings by monitoring the QFES Newsroom website, QFES and QPWS social media channels and tuning into local media.

- To ensure public safety, people may be requested to leave further camping areas or day sites at short notice if it is deemed necessary.

- Information on those closures are being provided online at the Park Alerts website – des.qld.gov.au or on Twitter at @QldParkAlerts

- Camp site bookings will be cancelled until further notice, and campers will be notified with refunds provided.

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- If you have a camping and associated vehicle access permit booked to visit K'gari and are not able to access the island, you can apply for a refund.
- Permit holders are also able to manage their booking via qld.gov.au/camping.
- Smoke is affecting K'gari and is visible from numerous areas on the mainland. Anyone affected is advised to close windows and doors, keep respiratory medication close by and drive to the conditions.
- A community meeting was held at Happy Valley on Saturday, 28 November to update residents and tourists on the current situation. Meetings will continue as details come to hand.

Safety

- It's important everyone remains vigilant and follows the advice of QFES and QPWS authorities.
- Stay up-to-date by following QFES on social media, visiting the QFES Newsroom website and tuning in to local media.
- The Park Alerts website and Twitter are providing updates on closures – parks.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/ and @QldParkAlerts
- Residents and visitors to K'gari should have a plan ready should the situation change.
- Always report unattended fire or suspicious activity immediately to Triple Zero (000).

Weather conditions

- We are expecting Very High fire conditions to affect the region over the coming days, with an escalation to Severe fire weather conditions in the Channel Country, Maranoa and Warrego on Tuesday.
- These conditions may be challenging for both agencies firefighters, however we are prepared.
- Trained and skilled firefighters will continue to respond and additional resources are on standby, including waterbombing aircraft.

ISSUES (if asked)

- *Are accommodation providers taking new bookings from Wednesday?*
  - *Restrictions will remain in place until further notice with heightened fire conditions expected to continue into next week.*

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- Where can people find information about closures –
    - *For questions about visiting the island, camping and closed areas, please refer to the Park Alerts website and Twitter – www.parks.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/ and @QldParkAlerts*

- There are serious concerns for the Indigenous sites on K'gari, as well as the native flora and fauna. How extensive is the damage on the island, in terms of land burnt and wildlife affected –
    - *The Department of Environment and Science is continually assessing the environmental impacts of the fire. Any questions relating to these impacts will need to be referred to DES.*
    - *DES and QFES will continue to manage this fire collaboratively.*

- What are you dropping on the island – water, retardant?
    - *Water bombing aircraft, including the LAT, have dropped gel and saltwater.*

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