

## Bushfire Management and Palawa Burning Practices

### **Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

My constituent, Chris Wilson of Abels Bay, has the following question: given that Tasmania's landscape was actively managed for thousands of years through indigenous cultural burning practices, and that the discontinuation of these practices following colonisation compounded by the increasing severity of climate change has significantly elevated our bushfire risk - as evidenced most recently by the destructive fires at St Helens and Dolphin Sands in December 2025 - will the Government commit to a funded, structured program to revitalise Palawa cultural burning practices, developed in genuine partnership with Palawa people that recognises the obligation of all Tasmanians to contribute to fire-safe land management? Does the Government see this as both a practical bushfire mitigation strategy and a meaningful pathway towards reconciliation?