

**“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT 2019”**

*Statement by Minister for Emergency Services*

**MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn — Minister for Emergency Services)** [1.09 pm]: I would like to take this opportunity to inform the house of the “Emergency Preparedness Report 2019” published by the State Emergency Management Committee, which was tabled in this house earlier today. The report offers a broad view of Western Australia’s capacity to deal with large-scale emergencies and historically has been published in November of its reporting year. However, unlike previous reports, the “Emergency Preparedness Report 2019” now focuses not only beyond the risks and capabilities that WA has, but also on the complexities that could arise during emergencies. This new approach is designed to be more graphical and interactive in the hope of increasing the understanding of emergencies and their scale within the community. The report highlights a continuing commitment across the emergency management sector, with agencies and local governments actively seeking to work together to improve emergency management capability. COVID-19 has shown us, as a state and as a nation, the wide-reaching impacts that emergencies can have. This report illustrates the great work being done and the priorities for future activities to prepare us for the various emergencies that can occur across WA.