

Hon Leon Bignell MP

Minister for Forests

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\$150,000 investment in state-of-the-art Fire Truck for South East forests

Minister for Forests Leon Bignell will be in Mount Gambier today to launch a \$150,000 investment in a state-of-the-art firefighting vehicle for the South East's Green Triangle forest region.

Inspecting the Quick Response Vehicle (QRV), which is the first of its kind for ForestrySA, Minister Bignell said it is a valuable addition to the fleet.

The brand new Mercedes Benz G-Wagon is being launched in a wetting down ceremony at Lady Nelson Reserve in the Mount, on Friday 24 March, at 1pm.

Background

The QRV comes with a range of safety features which offer increased crew protection, including its capacity to carry an extra 220 litres or 55% more water than the current models in operation.

Other safety features of ForestrySA's new Mercedes Benz G-Wagon QRV include:

- 620 litre water carrying capacity
- Overhead cabin protection, protecting the vehicle and occupants from falling trees
- Protection spray, covering the vehicle in water in the event of a burn over
- Thermal curtains on cabin windows, to shield the cabin's occupants from heat
- LED work lights increasing firefighter safety when working at night
- Purpose-built stowage cabinets to carry extra operational equipment such as tools, personal protective equipment and chainsaw.
- Dual spare wheels with lift and lower assist, reducing risks associated with manual handling
- Reverse camera

Quotes from Minister Leon Bignell

"This investment is all about the safety and protection of our people and forests in the South East, and it's worth every cent."

“It’s fantastic and the people of the South East can rest easier knowing that this state-of-the-art vehicle is now part of the ForestrySA fleet.”

Quotes from ForestrySA Chief Executive Jerome Coleman

“This new-format quick response vehicle will increase the capacity of our local fire fleet and paves the way for further investment in the future.”

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