



Troops are ready, just ask us Qld

PREMIER Anastacia Palaszczuk has been asked by federal members to make a request for army support in fighting the region's bushfires.

A letter to the Premier's office signed by Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry, Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd and Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen said local authorities had sent the "consistent message" Australian Defence Force support was required in fire containment efforts, with personnel on standby since early last week.

"Minister for Defence, the Hon. Christopher Pyne has advised that 300 soldiers from 8 Brigade (Brisbane) and 75 soldiers from 3 Brigade (Townsville)



READY AND WAITING: Federal members have asked the state government to make a request for army support.

have been on 12 hours' notice to move, should a request be received," the letter said.

"Further to this, 30 soldiers from Brisbane have been on four hours' notice to move should they have been requested for support Queensland SES efforts."

"The Commonwealth stands ready to deploy these ADF assets to aid in the recovery process upon receipt of your request.

"Despite this, your government has made no request for additional assistance from the ADF."