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Bushwalkers urged to take care over Easter

With many Queenslanders taking a short break over Easter and exploring Queensland's hinterland and bushland, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has urged bushwalkers to take the necessary precautions when setting out.

"Queensland has some wonderful wilderness areas and national parks and they are a major attraction for bushwalkers," Ms Nolan said.

"Each year there are unfortunate incidents where people have been unprepared for the challenges faced in these remote areas, so we encourage them to plan their trips and take sensible precautions.

"For example, don't go bushwalking alone, go in pairs or groups, and always tell someone where you are going."

Environment Minister John Mickel said some overseas visitors don't realise how large and harsh the Queensland environment can be.

"I encourage visitors and tourists to seek detailed information on the area they wish to visit from Queensland Parks and Wildlife or from local Police," he said.

Emergency Services Minister Chris Cummins said careful preparation would ensure bushwalking in Queensland is a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

"It is also advisable for bushwalkers to wear sturdy shoes and socks, comfortable clothing and insect repellent.

"Start your bushwalking in the morning to allow sufficient walking time there and back.

"Wear solid footwear, and take water, food, warm clothing, and a torch with you in case darkness does fall on your return trip.

"Appropriate maps of the chosen area should be studied carefully and taken on your walk so as to avoid hazards like cliff edges and waterfalls.

"An important thing to remember to is to take a mobile phone with you, and if you do get into difficulties, phone 000 and give the operator as much detail as you can about your location and any medical problems you have or suffer from," Mr Cummins said.

“All bushwalkers, be they Queenslanders or visitors to our State, who venture into remote areas are recommended to carry a 406Mhz Personal Locator Beacon which are readily available from camping and boating stores.”