

Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I Beau Clarke object to the legislation changes that are being made by Queensland Fire Service or Queensland Fire Department in regards to the Rural Fire Service. The Queensland Rural Fire Service has had next to no input into this legislation. From the start of the restructure we were promised we were going to be listened too and we would have regular meetings regarding updates. In the Bundaberg area we have had 2-3 visits from QFES to which it was advising us of what the changes where not what we could input on. We recently had a Teams meeting again telling us to ask our questions, OUR Questions were ignored or the experts simply sidetracked to other questions. Qld rural fire service covers 93% of the state and has around 26,000 volunteers let's make sure they are actually CONSULTED before submitting any proposals. If this bill passes QLD will lose volunteers in the hundreds if not thousands of more.