

Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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The Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland submission on the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

I refer to the submission by RFBAQ to Qld Government regarding draft changes to Legislation adversely affecting the RFS Brigades and volunteers.

The proposed changes to the Act affecting RFS management, funding and operational independence being rushed through Parliament is of great concern.

The proposal to empower Rural Fire Brigades and volunteer firefighters, separate QFD and RFS management and funding and to increase brigade capacity and functions was changed in late 2023 and the draft legislation has substantially and drastically changed to disadvantage RFS..

We support the efforts by RFBAQ to seek a more independent and sensible outcome in relation to changes to the *Fire Service Act 1990* and request that the recent changes be reviewed so that the rushed process does not weaken such an important section of our fire services.

Further, that the proposed June deadline for startup of QFD be extended until after the next State election.

Best Wishes

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