

## Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

**Submission No:** 53  
**Submitted by:** Allison Burns  
**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

It is very disappointing that the valued 28,000+ RFSQ Volunteers were not given the courtesy of time to review and absorb this information. We ask our Volunteers to give up their own time for free to protect and service the community all whilst juggling work, family and personal commitments and often whilst putting their own lives at risk. To close submissions after 1 week is a direct reflection of the lack of respect you hold for our Volunteers. The changes to the legislation are substantial and directly impact how they perform their duties. I would suggest you do the numbers on how you would fund the services they provide should they decide not to continue their commitment due to a lack of government respect and consultation. Volunteerism in Australia is decreasing - here's a prime example of why.