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To: [Finance and Administration Committee](#)
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Please consider this my objection to this unfair distinction between firefighters.

At the last sitting the ALP introduced a bill with a clause that will mean that rural volunteer firefighters will be discriminated against. Paid firies will receive lifetime workers compensation coverage for cancer and will only have to attend one fire to be eligible.

Rural volunteers will have to attend 150 fires in five years to be eligible and will have a ten year window in which they can apply – like a statute of limitation. I believe this is outright discrimination against Queensland's 36,000 volunteer firefighters.

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