

31st July, 2015.

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Bauhinia Rural Fire Brigade, We are putting in a submission about the bills on workers compensation and rehabilitation for volunteer firefighters. Where a volunteer firefighter have to attend 150 fires in five years, this is impossible for rural firefighters to receive cover for cancer that we need. If paid firefighters only have to attend one fire then why do the volunteers who are unpaid 36,000 of them have to attend so many?? We should only have to attend one fire. The volunteer Fire Fighter is the back bone of the Rural Fire Service, without them there would be no Rural Fire Service and the Qld Government would have to pay more Fire Fighters to fight fires and protect our beautiful State from Bush fires. Is the Qld Government going to pay 36,000 fire fighters to fill our shoes on the fire ground??? A big cost to the taxpayer!!! Just to be eligible to receive cancer cover. This is just so unfair, volunteers put their hearts and souls in to their work to save their State from Bush fires...

Yours sincerely,



Greta Coyne (Secretary & Fire Warden).

Francis Coyne (First Officer).