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**To:** [Finance and Administration Committee](#)  
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To Di Farmer,  
Chair, Finance & Administration Committee  
Parliament House, George St.,  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Ms Farmer,

re: **The Workers' Compensation & Rehabilitation & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015**  
and  
**Workers Compensation & Rehabilitation (Protecting Firefighters) Amendment Bill 2015**

I am instructed by the Members of the Springmount Primary Producers Rural Fire Brigade to respond on their behalf to your letter B6/B7.15.1276 of 24th July 2015 regarding the a/m Bills.

On the subject of compensation, we object in the strongest possible terms to any distinction being made between Urban (Professional) Firefighters and Rural Volunteer Fighters. In realistic terms, the risks inherent to fighting fires and accidentally inhaling carcinogenic fumes and smokes should not be artificially split between those who are paid professionals and those who are amateur volunteers. Please ensure that no such division is brought into law through recommendation via your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Parker, Secretary  
Springmount Primary Producers Rural Fire Brigade.