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Finance and Administration Committee

VIA EMAIL

To: fac@parliament.qld.gov.au

RE: Inquiries into the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Protecting Firefighters) Amendment Bill 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with regard to the above topic. I am a volunteer rural firefighter with the Chambers Flat Fire Brigade.

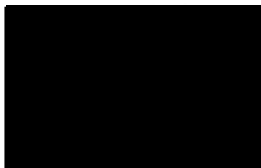
I wish to state I am opposed to the Governments bill as it does not afford myself nor my fellow volunteer firefighters the same level of protection as it does paid firefighters until we have attended 150 fires. My station and its members attend just as many fires and other situations as an auxiliary station does, including:

- Grass fires
- Bush fires
- Structural fires
- Vehicles fires
- Chemical spills

As a dedicated volunteer I, and my peers stand alongside paid firefighters in the same smoke and the same conditions yet the proposed bill does not afford me the same level of cover as a paid firefighter. I believe this constitutes discrimination as the proposed bill offers no assistance whatsoever to a volunteer firefighter who for example, suffers from illness or ill effects of fighting in 140 fire events.

Given we exist in an age of equality I find it distasteful that a large body of people such as all the volunteer firefighters in the state of Queensland would be subject to a 'quota' of fire events before being privileged enough to receive protection by the proposed bill.

Regards,



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