From:Finance and Administration CommitteeTo:Finance and Administration CommitteeSubject:Rural Fire Brigade VolunteersDate:Wednesday, August 5, 2015 2:17:32 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Geoff McCartney, I am the Fire Warden of Blackrod, we have ten members in our brigade with four more perspective members!

Our brigade is very concerned that QLD Rural Fire Brigade Volunteers are very much discriminated against, by this last sitting of the ALP when they introduced a bill which included a clause that Voluneer Firefighters have to attend 150 fires in five years! That works out to be 30 fires per year, which is totally unrealistic!

For the ALP to choose this number shows just how totally out of touch, they are with the workings of Queensland's 36,000 voloureer firefighters.

Especially, when our paid firefighters, only have to attend ONE fire to be eligible to receive lifetime workers compensation coverage for cancer.

This so very unfair! Volunteer firefighters don't get paid or any compensation! While paid firefighters get paid & compensation! Surely the unsung heroes called volunteers should be treated with some respect!

Yours sincerely. James ( Geoff ) McCartney. Email: