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Di Farmer,

Re: Inquires into the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and Workers ' Compensation and Rehabilitation(Protecting Fire-fighters) Amendment Bill 2015.

There are two bills before your committee for consideration one by the Treasurer and one by the member for Kawana.

The Government bill proposed by the Treasurer is UNSUPPORTABLE.

This is because of the way it denies Volunteer Rural Fire-fighters the opportunity to apply for Workers Compensation for cancers caused by exposure to smoke until they have attended 150 fires. Volunteer Rural Fire-fighters are called on to fight fires in izone and rural locations and sometimes in rough hilly areas within Urban and Auxiliary areas which cannot be accessed by Urban and Auxiliary appliances.eg. the Nerang end of Beechmont Rd. We are constantly working with the Urban crews, our brigade attended a house fire at 39 North Rd Lower Beechmont last Saturday1st August 2015 with a crew from Station 639(Nerang). The Urban fire-fighters at that fire were covered by Workers Compensation after attending 1 fire for cancers caused by smoke inhalation BUT the Volunteer Rural Fire-fighters were not covered for cancers caused by smoke inhalation until they had attended 150 fires. This is GROSSLY unfair and at best an affront but more likely discrimination against the Thousands of Rural Fire-fighters who VOLUNTEER their time for the benefit of theirs and the surrounding communities.

The Private Members bill proposed by the member for Kawana treats the Volunteer Rural Firefighter the same as the Urban and Auxiliary Fire-fighters and should be supported and presented to the Queensland Parliament to be enacted into Legislation.

Yours sincerely,



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