



30 August 2015

Di Farmer, MP
Chair
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
Alice & George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Ms. Farmer,

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

As a long standing Support Member of the Tamborine Mountain Rural Fire Brigade, I **do not** support the Governments proposed Bill.

Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade Members attend just as many fires, (including grass, structural and vehicle) as the auxiliary brigades attend. The Volunteers stand in the same smoke and are subject to the same risks as the paid Firefighters, however, the proposed Bill is set to discriminate against our Volunteer Members by providing significantly less cover for them.

Should this Government Bill get passed are we going to see a decrease in the number of volunteer firefighters? Should this occur are the Government going to ensure there are adequate/increased numbers of paid Firefighters to protect the community? To my mind this would be another case of cutting off their noses to spite their faces.

I reiterate I do not support the Governments discriminatory bill.

I do support the Private Members Bill which provides equal protection to all firefighters regardless of their pay status.

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