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Research Director Finance and Administration Committee Parliament House George Street BRISBANE Qld 4000

RE: Proposed Workers Compensation & Rehabilitation & other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and Workers Compensation & Rehabilitation (Protecting Fire Fighters) amendment Bill 2015.

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of the Childers Rural Fire Brigade we would like to make a submission with regards to the above bills.

We strongly disagree with the Discriminatory Government Bill where volunteer fire fighters need to attend 150 fires within a five year period and full time and part-time only have to attend 1 fire which was presented to Parliament Wednesday 15th July.

All Fire Fighters whether permanent, auxiliary or rural fire fighters are managed under the one umbrella of QFES.

- They breathe the same air; are exposed to the same toxins.
- Permanent and Auxillary fire fighters are provided with a higher level of protection; ie breathing apparatus, not the rural brigades.
- All fire fighters should be covered as one, without stipulations or time frames to claim
- Discrimination is ILLEGAL
- We struggle as it is to get members, this will make it even harder

With this in mind, we would urge you not to discriminate against fire fighters and implement one bill for all.

ALL FIRE FIGHTERS NEED TO BE COVERED UNDER THE SAME BILL

Sincerely

Renada Maeyke Secretary Childers Rural Fire Brigade