



Kogan & District Rural Fire Brigade

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Finance and
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Parliament House
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

The Kogan & District Rural Fire Brigade held a meeting to discuss this piece of legislation and wish to make the following comments.

Our Brigade has welcomed this legislation, as it provides certainty for firefighters in regard to workers compensation and its provisions.

It is our belief that the eligibility requirement in this legislation, that a firefighter must have attended at least 150 exposure incidents is excessive. While we believe there should be a minimum requirement needed for a workers compensation claim to be accepted, we believe the minimum number should be 50 exposure incidents in a firefighters career. This ensures the system is not abused. It covers not just brigades closer to the coast but also those located in regional and rural Queensland where they may attend less incidents overall but a greater range of incidents including house fires, refuse tips, chemical sheds etc.

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Service provide PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) at no cost to Urban, Auxiliary and Rural Fire Brigade firefighters. The equipment provided to Urban and Auxiliary personnel is far superior to that to Rural Fire Brigade personnel. The P2 respirators offer limited protection to airborne debris and fine particles from smoke.

If you have any queries, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Paul Storey

1st Officer

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