

Davies Creek Rural Fire Brigade



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Some quick points regarding proposed changes to Workers Comp Bill.

Why attending 150 fires is untenable

- We should be on equal footing as our full time & auxiliary brothers- Is this discrimination?
- Record keeping has been sparse to nonexistent in the past, is much better now.
- Many grasses & plants eg Grass Trees & Cycads are carcinogenic.
- Wildfires also include dumped items eg tyres, lounge chairs, cars etc.
- We fight wild fires side by side with full time & auxiliary staff.
- We are used as “grunts” to move into areas that Urban vehicles cannot access.
- As we are unpaid, we are often left to mop-up the fire, while paid staff finish shift.
- Masks: we are provided with paper particle mask that does not restrict smoke. Urban Brigades have had negative pressure masks for some time to use in wildfire situations. We (Clohesy Rural Fire Group) have purchased our own; QFES is now looking at providing these to Rural Brigades “at some time in the future”.

Regards,

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Secretary / Treasurer Davies Creek RFB

