

Finance and Administration CommitteeRe:

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

I am writing to you in relation to the two bills before your committee for
consideration regarding workers compensation for Rural Unpaid Volunteer fire
fighters.

The first bill supported by the treasurer exemplifies the Rural fire fighters who are all
unpaid volunteers from workers compensation until 150 incidents are logged per fire
fighter. The paid Urban and Auxiliary fire fighters however are considered for
workers compensation after attending just 1 incident I believe this is discriminating
as we all breathe in the same smoke at the same incidents which has the potential
to cause medical difficulties.

The second bill supported by the member for Kawana gives the unpaid rural fire
fighters the same rights as our urban and auxiliary brothers and sisters.

I believe the second bill should be supported and presented to the Queensland
Government to make the arena a level playing field

Yours sincerely



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