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To Whom It May Concern

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

As secretary of the Omega Rural Fire Brigade I am writing to you to oppose the Governments Bill stated above. Our volunteer's put there lives on the line to protect property and they have been discriminated against.

The volunteers of the Omega Rural Fire brigade fights fires in the same conditions as the paid firefighters and sometimes along side one another. So why is it that rural firefighters different?

Why is the first fire less dangerous then the hundred and fifty-first fire we attend? We attend to many of the same fires as paid firefighters which range from Bush Fires to Structural fires to Vehicle and chemical fires. We have to make do with a paper face mask to protect our lungs. A fire does not discriminate, a fire is a fire.

This Bill is a dam right insult to our hardworking Volunteers that do our community a huge service.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. Please except my submission.

Regards,

Hayley Sypher
Omega Rural Fire Brigade