

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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To Who It Concerns.

I am writing this submission to you about the CAREing (C over [REDACTED] R emain E mployed) of some of the paid staff in the Toowoomba Regional Office at Charlton.

In March 2024 , 2 people were put on suspended for reasons that were not told to the volunteers and have not seen a inquiry into the matter ,this is having major effects on these people mental and physically .

During a Floodboat course that happened in late 23 . There was a incident at Caloundra where a boat came off a trailer an did some damage to the Vessel and it is still a open inquiry which to me is along time for no answers.

T'ba Regional office is not helping the Volunteers in the South West region because they C.A.R.E. about their own jobs and I have seen the behaviour of these people when I have visited the office from time to time as they were arguing between themselves about what to do. So they don't think about others other than themselves.

The Roma office employed a new regional trainer that didn't have the qualifications to the job properly and has not completed the course to obtain the quals to do the job and has had 18 months to do that in , so they need to employ the right people to do the job in the first place.

With the attitude of Regional office in T'ba are some personal to seek Mental Health Help to get through the day at work because they T'ba don't want to do certain things so they pass it on to others that are not on or in the same pay grade. Not only in that office they pass it on to other offices in the Region causing those personal not to do they jobs because they are doing the of others .

None of the personal that have causing this situation to continue have not been held accountable for their actions and this is WRONG because it is making the whole situation worse through their action and the inaction of the

Personal in Brisbane that have been told about most things if not all of what has been happening in the south west region and I have heard it is not just our region that is in this situation and these people are CAREing NOT.

There have been Sexual Harassment cases put to T'ba regional office and they have not been seen to or been inquired about ,so some volunteers are not reporting these things because they know Nothing will get done about it so why bother.

There teams meeting for trainers in the region but my internet is slow so I can't sit on these meetings as the delay is so great that I can't get to see everything and or hear it because of the delay but so of these team meetings get heated because some of the trainers in T'ba do NOT like being told what they are doing is wrong so they pick on others to compensate for their actions or inactions of their training. This has been told to me by several trainers that can get on to the team meetings.

The Far West Office in Charleville are now starting to feel the effects of this [REDACTED] that is happening out of T'ba office as they are having sick days because of this environment out of T'ba , but they are trying to make the best of it because they want to help the volunteers in the Far South West Region.

If nothing is going to happen out of this inquiry there may be no volunteers to help the Communities in their hour of need, so please make something happen to keep people safe in these Communities through out this great state of Queensland. Because of the action of T'ba office some volunteers in western downs are being effected because they are now being told to do things differently now but these things are total different to the way they were taught to do these things and some have done these things for many years without incident.

I have informed my regional office that I am writing and sending this letter to this Inquiry into Volunteering in Qld.

If my actions cause me to be sacked as a Volunteer in the SES . This will a big hole in the Far South West area as I am also instructor in most areas of training in the SES .

Regards

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