

## **Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

I think volunteering should be free to do, or that any training certification or requirements should be tax deductible, or that the government reimburses organisations to pay for their volunteers. If you want to be a JP you have to pay but if you're going to give up your time and provide access 24hrs potentially to the police needing a warrant - why should it cost the person to then give up their time? I think it's becoming a barrier to more people becoming volunteers because they may have the time to volunteer but do not have disposable money to pay for training requirements like to volunteer at lifeline it's over 500 to do their course. The governments of all levels need to build and support volunteers and in the cost of living crisis people cannot afford these courses .