

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I would like the committee to know that I was a Rural Fire Brigade volunteer from 1990 to around 2012 approx. I enjoyed giving my time and experience after 21 years of service in the Defence Force. During my time as a volunteer we were led to believe we would be covered for injury or accident if there was an incident doing the job of fighting a fire. In Queensland Rural Fire Service there were some accidents during the later part of my service that raised concerns around Insurance and who was covered. It became very clear that us volunteers were not covered by any Government agreement. I along with several other officers resigned at the time. My self and the other fire officers of that time were never given any recognition of service or ever recognized for that service. It would have been nice to have received a letter of appreciation for service or something, I don't think we ever appeared in the records at all even though we were founding members. I think this is some of the reasons for not getting many volunteers in many areas. Thank for listing to my story. [REDACTED]

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