

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

I have been volunteering for more than 35 years on various boards , Service clubs and organisations like Reconciliation Queensland and more recently as a Chair of a Volunteer Area Committee for Crime Stoppers. Volunteers have changed over these years and it my opinion that people are more reluctant to give their time without the volunteer organisation working hard to ensure their needs are met and they are appreciated. I have also noticed post COVID , we are finding it difficult to recruit new volunteers. Good policy around treating volunteers with respect are vital. Ensuring we have good health and safety and risk plans . Volunteer organisations need access to training in this area. Our community would not function without volunteers, especially in remote islands such as in the Southern Moreton Bay , Fire , Ambulance volunteers for example. While there are many ways the State Government supports volunteers, in my opinion those volunteers that do direct support to homeless , DV victims , Crime Prevention, food banks etc need special support from government as these services would otherwise be funded by the government, ensure these volunteers groups are valued as they save the community/ government costs.