

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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In country areas especially, most volunteers are involved in many different organisations, mostly for the benefit and support of their children and community in general. Generally, but not always, only the most dedicated become executives of these, but also make themselves available for SES and Rural Fires which puts more pressure on already time poor volunteers, especially business owners and those self employed as costs have become too much to absorb. Time taken from their own activities to attend training can also be an issue for many. To help keep those dedicated Volunteers involved in SES, Rural Fires and government volunteers in general, there needs to be some form of compensation for time committed as this volunteering time can lead to the loss of a lot of money for both individuals and businesses.