

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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It is harder to get volunteers due to cost of living. Being involved in volunteering inevitably involves spending your own money to get things done. Families that have two people working, that have later retirement dates, students that work longer hours than ever before. Longer commutes as people have to rent and but further and further away. Not to mention the disruption that happens when folks have to move areas frequently due to housing crisis. Generally less money to put into hobbies - which include volunteering efforts. It's harder and harder to recruit people to volunteer. Things like SES and fire services cannot continue to rely on volunteers. This is asking too much of local communities, particularly when there is an ever increasing need for their services. Where are the proper payments for people risking their lives in these roles?

Volunteering in some roles are waaaaay more crucial than the football coach of my kids team. Building capacity is hard. Anything that the govt can do to support organisations on the ground that make communities stronger would be helpful. And PAY the people that really need to be paid for service - or we just won't be able to continue to provide it. People don't have capacity with cost of living pressures..