

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

It is a tough juggle volunteering more hours than working in your own business, as a single parent with majority care, two young children, and their commitments. Centrelink does not recognise my volunteering hours as they did not source them, which adds pressure for 'working for parenting payment' points. Being 'on call' for all enquires, allocations, education, changes etc creates a lot of non-contact admin work, quite often at the expense of our limited quality family time. The days of volunteering being free have long surpassed. Everyone should be receiving something for their time and contribution. Not even offered discounted fees for yourself or family members. Even though I am a life member of both club and association and volunteer at the state level also, I should have stepped down over two years ago. However, there is no one to take over and no succession plan. The requirements of a not for profit community sporting club and association, are greater than any business I have associated with. Our service and communication to members is of a great higher expectation.