CROSSDALE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



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<u>QLD PUBLICWORKS COMMITTEE MAMAGEMENT OF RFB SERVICES</u> <u>Response from Crossdale Fire Brigade members</u>

- It is a matter of concern for our brigade that when a call out is being made it is not being directed to a particular brigade but coming as a general call.
- We are concerned at the amount of time that members have to give up for training only to spend at least an hour of that time filling in their details on multiple forms. Members have been confused when for example completing their FM1 training to be told that they are not "qualified" until they have done their OPS.DOC.
- We are concerned that very few young people are interested in joining the brigade and that the ageing members will not be able to manage in the future.
- We are concerned that district office expect us to run our organization with greater efficiency
 than they do —when all of our time is given by volunteers. District office deliberates for months
 or years over important issues like area boundries while we have to carry on without these
 decisions being dealt with. Those who are paid to run the service should make things easier
 and not more difficult for volunteers.

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