

The Secretary,
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
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Submission to Fire Services Bill Inquiry July 2017

I would like to make a submission to the Fire Services Bill Inquiry because I live on a property in a small rural community and know how important it is to have a well serviced and maintained CFA with volunteers from the area.

Local CFA volunteer's first priority is to protect thier community because they are part of it.

In rural areas local CFA volunteers can be at a fire or accident quickly and understand the area, terrain, hazards and resources available. They need to be an important part of decision-making.

CFA Volunteers need good reliable equipment at all times with the latest technology.

CFA Volunteers in rural are often the first service to attend a car or farm accident and emergencies Local CFA volunteers support other areas in major bushfire emergencies.

CFA volunteers are an important part of local communities socially, fund raising and encouraging young people to be a part of a caring community.

Some rural schools have CFA as part of their curriculum it teaches students to be part of the community, look out for each other and protect their environment.

Property owners and rural communities contribute greatly to the Fire Service Property Levy and in return expect prompt and reliable service which a well sourced and maintained local CFA can provide

It is important the CFA is given the equipment, knowledge, and respect to protect their communities without political interference.

CFA volunteers must be respected and supported for their generous input to local communities and their knowledge of the region

Regards



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