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ATTENTION ELECTORAL OFFICE STAFF. I expect this to be conveyed to your masters. Please do not ignore me. If we cannot get through by being polite the next step is to go via the media.

Mr Piccolo, Premier and Treasurer,

I am a volunteer with the CFS with about 25 years of service. I hold positions at Group level and within my brigade.

I have viewed your plan to reorganise the Emergency services of SA.

It is not a good plan.

It smacks of ignorance and lack of knowledge of the volunteer ethic.

I note that there is a formal and rigid chain of command that will insulate you and the Chief Officer from input from me. (I also not your photo on every page)

This layer of bureaucracy that will isolate me at the bottom of the information tree and put my service to the community at risk.

I note that you claim that Brigades will not be affected.

This is false, it will vitally affect me because my input to the various committees of the CFS will be affected.

This is false because the Regional Centres will change. No doubt with the same bad effect that SACAD and the MFS staffed 'Adelaide Fire' radio centre has affected me.

This is false because we will compete with the other services for attention, money and relevance at Regional level .

I note that you wish to align the Regions with SAPOL areas.

Do you understand that the CFS regions are set on the type of fire expected within that region and that it will be pointless including areas open grassland with Region 1?

I have also viewed the alternate plan as offered by the CFSVA.

It retains a direct link to the Minister and the CO.

It maintains the integrity of the CFS management structure.

I urge you to either adopt this plan or retain the status quo.

re Emergency Services Levy

How dare you select a particular section of the community ie the rural areas, and make such a huge impost on their cost of production

We volunteer for hours of our time to fight fires, attend road crashes and clear roads after storms or road crashes.

Now you wish us to pay up to 5 times the ESL.

Please expect a permanent back lash for this impost unless you can make speedy changes.

My views

I used to think there was a conspiracy now I conclude that you are just incompetent..

My volunteer time will be cut in accordance to the impost of the ESL.

You have doubled my ESL so I will halve my volunteer time.

I think you have severely underestimated the anger that you have generated in the rural community.

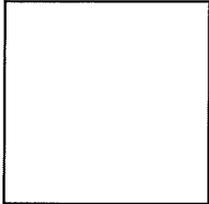
I think that you and your Treasurer have grossly underestimated the cost of replacing volunteer hours in park and forest fires, clearing trees from roads, carrying injured and dead for SAAS and the other contribution we make to government coffers.

Given a choice I will be boycotting call-out to government assets.

If your intention in these measures is to promote a fully paid fire-fighting service then be so honest as to declare this and stop making me angry.

I remain in anger

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