

Emergency Services Reform Office

Newsletter

Reference Group Meeting

The Reference Group held an extra meeting on Wednesday 4 March in response to the changes to the reform announced by the Minister at the 23 February meeting. There was a lot of robust discussion from all parties about the Terms of Reference and role of the Reference Group, the need for continued meaningful engagement, and the proposed structure.

ESRO Staff

In our earlier newsletter we mentioned that the ESRO team consisted of three core staff and we would be recruiting or seconding staff with specialist skills as the project progressed. We welcome the following two staff to the team.

Amanda Stewart joins us from SAFECOM and will lead the Communications Strategy for the Reform Project. She has extensive experience in communications and has most recently worked on the Alert SA campaign.

David Carman joins us from SES where he is the General Manager, Corporate Services. He is leading the analysis and preparation of business intelligence for the working groups.

We are looking to welcome two new staff (one from CFS and MFS) shortly to work with the project team and to provide support to the working groups.

MFS Chief Officer

As most of you would know by now, MFS Chief Officer Grant Lupton will be retiring from the MFS. We have appreciated and valued Grant's support and commitment to the Reform, and we look forward to working with the MFS under the leadership of acting Chief Officer Greg Crossman.



Upcoming Dates

11th March - Site visit - Wakefield Plains CFS Group

Recruitment of the Commissioner

The recruitment process for the new Commissioner is continuing. The Minister is meeting with the independent panel next week to brief the panel on the contextual details of the reform. The panel will then be meeting towards the end of March to interview applicants. Panel members include Commissioner Gary Burns (SAPOL), Commissioner Greg Mullins (Fire and Rescue NSW), Commissioner Erma Ranieri (Office of the Public Sector) and Pamela Lee (Director, Emergency Services Reform Office).

Working Groups




There has been a delay in releasing information regarding the working groups to allow for an extended period of consultation with the Reference Group and the Chief Officers, particularly in regard to scheduling of the working groups.

The application process will include a simple Expression Of Interest form outlining the reasons why you wish to be part of the working group(s) and the skills and experiences you can bring. You will also be asked to attach a brief CV. Applicants will have 1 week to submit their EOI and CV.



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