



10 April 2008

Mr. Greg Mullins
Commissioner
New South Wales Fire Brigades
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Sydney South NSW 1232

Dear Mr Mullins,

Re: Traffic infringement notices

I write in response to your letter of 8 April 2008 regarding the subject matter.

The Union considers the belligerent tone of your letter to be no more helpful than your quote in The Daily Telegraph of Saturday April 5:

“Unfortunately, without any consultation, the union banned firefighters from filling in the necessary paperwork,” he [Commissioner Mullins] said.

Thankfully, however, the same article went on to note that the Union’s instruction had in fact played no part in this entirely unnecessary dispute:

However Emergency Services Minister Nathan Rees intervened and discovered officers who had penalty notices sent to their home address had in fact filled out all the necessary forms.

It is clear that the Union’s concerns in this matter were well founded – a fact the Minister for Emergency Services was able to acknowledge even if his Department could not. As the proposed In Order addresses the Union’s concerns, the Union agrees to its publication this Friday.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Flynn
State Secretary