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The Hon. Luke Foley MLC
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr. Foley,

Re: Disallowance of *Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Amendment Regulation 2013*

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Once again, the firefighters of NSW appreciate your stance on this issue. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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