FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

(FORMERLY NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES' UNION)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S CERTIFICATE

We JIM CASEY, and DARIN SULLIVAN, being two members of the Committee of Management of the Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales, do state on behalf of the Committee, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Committee that:

- (i) In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 30 June 2013.
- (ii) In the opinion of the Committee of Management, meetings of the Committee were held during the year ended 30 June 2013 in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- (iii) To the knowledge of any member of the Committee of Management during the financial year ended 30 June 2013 there have been no instances where records of the Union or other documents (not being documents containing information made available to a member of the Union under Section 512(2) of the Industrial Relations Act, 1991 as applied by sub-section 282(3) of the Industrial Relations Act, 1996), or copies of these records or documents, or copies of the rules of the Union, have not been furnished, or made available to members in accordance with the requirements of the Industrial Relations Act, 1996, the Regulations thereto, or the rules of the Union.
- (iv) The Union has complied with Sub-Sections 517(1) and (5) of the Industrial Relations Act, 1991 in relation to the financial accounts in respect of the year ended 30 June 2012 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

JIM CASEY

State Secretary

DARIN SULLIVAN

President

31 October 2013

## **ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

I, JIM CASEY, being the Officer responsible for keeping the accounting records of the Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales, certify that as at 30 June 2013, the number of members of the Union was 6,202.

## In my opinion:

- (i) The attached financial report shows a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 30 June 2013.
- (ii) A record has been kept of all moneys paid by, or collected from, members and all moneys so paid or collected have been credited to the bank account to which those moneys are to be credited, in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- (iii) Approval for expenditure incurred by the Union was obtained in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- (iv) With regard to funds of the Union raised by compulsory levies or voluntary contributions from members, or funds other than the General Fund operated in accordance with the rules, no payments were made out of any such fund for purposes other than those for which the fund was operated.
- (v) All loans or other financial benefits granted to persons holding office in the Union were authorised in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- (vi) The register of members of the Union was maintained in accordance with the Industrial Relations Act, 1996.

JIM-CASEY
State Secretary

31 October 2013

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THEYEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
INCOME		¥	Ψ
Contributions Interest Sale of Union Merchandise Sundry Income		2,387,820 150,965 1,945 399	2,329,035 168,220 2,455 3,374
TOTAL INCOME		2,541,129	2,503,084
EXPENDITURE			
Depreciation Buildings Computer Equipment Motor Vehicles Office Furniture and Equipment  Employee Benefits Expense Accrued Annual Leave –Increase/(Decrease) in Provision Fringe Benefits Tax Long Service Leave – (Decrease)/Increase in Provision Payroll Tax Salaries and Allowances - Officials - Other staff Superannuation		207,682 11,165 14,256 41,057 274,160 78,701 2,102 (76,170) 39,873 132,034 1,079,016 156,006 1,411,562	207,682 9,046 13,772 45,496 275,996 (35,361) 3,156 55,902 37,701 129,892 1,015,237 149,431 1,355,958
Other Expenses Affiliation Fees Awards, Transcripts and Publications Bank Charges Computer Expenses Contributions Part time refunds Donations and Presentations General Office Expenses Insurance Meeting Expenses Staff Travel & Accommodation Expenses Member Mortality and Assistance Payments Membership Medals, 25 Yrs (x1500) Financial Relief Payments Motor Vehicle Expenses Carried Forward		27,056 4,550 981 5,099 1,783 6,800 4,886 28,327 18,322 7,823 11,000 53,766 3,188 173,581	31,813 6,609 820 2,972 1,958 9,800 5,535 22,472 14,621 7,744 17,000 73,370 4,487 3,604

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Brought Forward		173,581	202,805
Office Expenses - Orange		20,786	26,358
Office Expenses - Temora		20,578	20,156
Stamp Duty		2,073	3,072
State Committee Allowances and Expenses		120,325	101,949
Postage		6,785	10,229
Printing and Stationery		19,560	36,947
Professional Services	5	334,828.	65,707
Promotional Materials		21,485	37,296
Property Expenses	6	73,063	62,359
Telephone & External Communications		25,243	19,860
Training		109	2,122
Triennial Election Expenses		-	22,193
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of assets		(4,409)	2,418
		814,007	613,471
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,499,729	2,245,425
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		41,400	257,659
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		41,400	257,659
LESS NET TRANSFER TO AWARD FIGHTING FUND	i	(58,834)	(105,113)
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR – GENERAL FUND		(17,434)	152,546

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

AS AT 30 JUNE 2013	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
ASSETS		Ψ	Ψ
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents Cash at Bank - Working Fund Cash on Hand		118,112 950 119,062	235,514 950 236,464
Receivables Accrued Interest Prepayments Sundry Deposits		8,180 11,232 2,740 22,152	7,802 12,528 2,740 23,070
Investments Members Equity Business Direct Savings Account Members Equity Term Deposit		954 3,471,485 3,472,439	258 3,071,843 3,072,101
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,613,653	3,331,635
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment Property Computer Equipment Motor Vehicles Office Furniture and Equipment	4(a) 4(b) 4(c) 4(d)	4,069,282 21,062 74,335 176,134 4,340,813	4,276,964 32,227 71,171 217,191 4,597,553
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		4,340,813	4,597,553
TOTAL ASSETS		7,954,466	7,929,188

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd) 2013 2012 \$ \$ LIABILITIES **CURRENT LIABILITIES Payables** 127,213 **Sundry Creditors** 108,560 127,213 108,560 **Employee Entitlements** 196,647 275,348 **Employee Entitlements for Annual Leave** 117,520 Employee Entitlements for Long Service Leave 115,337 314,167 390,685 441,380 499,245 **TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES** NON CURRENT LIABILITIES **Employee Entitlements** Employee Entitlements for Long Service Leave 96,560 22,573 **TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES** 22,573 96,560 521,818 537,940 **TOTAL LIABILITIES** 7,432,648 7,391,248 **NET ASSETS** 7,432,648 7,391,248 **ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	General Fund	Award Fighting Fund	Total Accumulated Funds
	\$	\$ \$	\$ \$
Balance at 30 June 2011	7,027,989	105,600	7,133,589
Surplus for the Year	152,546	•	152,546
Transfer to Award Fighting Fund	-	109,600	109,600
Less Financial Relief Payments	_	(4,487)	(4,487)
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	152,546	<u> 105,113</u>	257,659
Balance at 30 June 2012	7,180,535	210,713	7,391,248
Deficit for the Year	(17,434)	-	(17,434)
Transfer to Award Fighting Fund	-	112,600	112,600
Less Financial Relief Payments Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	(17,434)	(53,766) 58,834	(53,766) 41,400
Balance at 30 June 2013	7,163,101	269,547	7,432,648

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members Payments to Suppliers and Employees Interest Received Other Receipts		2,626,602 (2,483,587) 150,589 2,343	2,561,939 (2,155,662) 166,697 5,829
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7(b)	295,947	578,803
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Property, Plant and Equipment Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment Payment for Investments		16,545 (29,556) (400,338)	15,456 (58,138) (566,676)
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(413,349)	(609,358)
NET (DECREASE) IN CASH		(117,402)	(30,555)
Cash at Beginning of Year		236,464	267,019
CASH AT END OF YEAR	7(a)	119,062	236,464

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the New South Wales Industrial Relations Act, 1996.

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial report is for the entity Fire Brigade Employees Union of New South Wales, as an individual entity. The Fire Brigade Employees Union of New South Wales is an organisation registered under the New South Wales Industrial Relations Act, 1996. In accordance with the Act the Union is a body corporate and has perpetual succession. By virtue of this method of incorporation, the Union is not subject to the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial statements.

### (a) Revenue

Contributions are accounted for on a cash receipts basis. Otherwise, the concept of accruals accounting has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

## (b) Income Tax

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as the Union is exempt from Income Tax under Section 50 - 15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

## (c) Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

## Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the union commencing from the time the asset is ready for use. The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

Buildings	2.5% - 7.5%
Computers	25%
Office Furniture and Equipment	10% - 20%
Motor Vehicles	15%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

Gains and losses on disposals are calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the asset's carrying amount and are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year that the item is derecognised.

## (d) Impairment

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing value in use of assets not held primarily to generate cash, this represents depreciated current replacement cost, as the Union is a not-for-profit organisation.

## (e) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables on the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

## (f) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Union's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

## (f) Employee Benefits (Cont'd)

Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured by discounting future cash flows.

Contributions are made by the Union to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

### (g) Investments

All investments are stated at cost.

## (h) Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Effective

There have been no accounting standards issued which will have a financial impact on the financial report in future periods and which are not yet effective.

### 2. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR REGISTRAR

In accordance with the requirements of the Industrial Relations Act, 1991, (NSW) the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 512 which read as follows:

- (1) A member of an organisation, or the Industrial Registrar, may apply to the organisation for specified information prescribed by the regulations in relation to the organisation.
- (2) An organisation must, on the making of such an application, make the specified information available to the member or the Industrial Registrar in the manner, and within the time, prescribed by the regulations.

### 3. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

## (a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Union makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates by definition seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

## 3. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Cont'd)

## (b) Critical judgments in applying the Union's accounting principles

There are no critical judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

			2013 \$	2012 \$
4,	(a)	PROPERTY		
		1 to 7 BELMORE STREET  Land - At Cost  Building - At Cost  Less Accumulated Depreciation - Building	1,113,475 4,183,034 (1,227,227)	1,113,475 4,183,034 (1,019,545)
			4,069,282	4,276,964
	(b)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		
	()	At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	125,687 (104,625)	125,687 (93,460)
			21,062	32,227
	(c)	MOTOR VEHICLES At Cost	86,829	94,876
		Less Accumulated Depreciation	(12,494)	(23,705)
	(d)	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	74,335	71,171
	(d)	At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	451,498 (275,364)	451,498 (234,307)
			176,134	217,191
	TOT	AL PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4,340,813	4,597,553

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

## 4. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

## **MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS**

	Land and Buildings	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Office Furniture and Equipment	Total
Balance at 1 July 2012	4,276,964	32,227	71,171	217,191	4,597,553
Additions Disposals Depreciation	- - (207,682)	(11,165)	29,556 (12,136) (14,256)	- - (41,057)	29,556 (12,136) (274,160)
Balance at 30 June 20	4,069,282	21,062	74,335	176,134	4,340,813
				2013 \$	2012 \$
5. PRO	FESSIONAL SER	VICES			
Audit Lega	Fees Fees - Other Acc I Fees ultants	ounting Services		16,750 - 80,354 237,724	16,250 4,000 22,000 23,457
				334,828	65,707
6. PRO	PERTY EXPENSE	ES .			
Office Rate	ricity and Gas e Cleaning Expens s - Water - Municipal irs and Maintenan			19,459 28,908 1,493 11,064 12,139	14,922 31,195 1,347 10,772 4,123
				73,063	62,359

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

			2013 \$	2012 \$
7.	(a)	CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
		For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks and other financial institutions.		
		Cash at the end of the year is shown in the statement of financial position as:		
		Cash on Hand	950	950
		Cash at Bank - Working Fund	118,112	235,514
			119,062	236,464
	(b)	Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating result		
		Surplus	41,400	257,659
		Non-Cash Flows in Net Surplus Depreciation Net (Gain)/Loss on disposal of assets	274,160 (4,409)	275,996 2,418
		Changes in Assets and Liabilities Increase in Employee Entitlements (Increase) in Accrued Interest Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments (Decrease)/Increase in Sundry Creditors	2,531 (378) 1,296 (18,653)	20,541 (1,523) (686) 24,398
		NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	295,947	578,803

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

#### 8. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### (a) General objectives, policies and processes

The union is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the union's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the union's exposure to financial instrument risk, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The union's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks and payables. The main risks the union is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk (see section (e) below), liquidity risk and credit risk.

The committee of management has overall responsibility for the determination of the union's risk management objectives and policies and whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, the committee of management makes investment decisions after considering appropriate advice.

### (b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the union incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors fail to settle their obligations owing to the union.

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to current and non-current receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provision for doubtful debts, as disclosed below:

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank Working Fund	118,112	235,514
Members Equity Business Direct Savings Account	954	258
Members Equity Term Deposit	3,471,485	3,071,843
	3,590,551	3,307,615

The cash and cash equivalents are held in high quality Australian financial institutions.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

## 8. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

## (c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the union may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities.

The union is not significantly exposed to this risk, as at 30 June 2013 it had \$3,591,501 (\$3,308,565 - 2012) of cash and cash equivalents to meet these obligations as they fall due. Financial liabilities at 30 June 2013 totalled \$108,560 (\$127,313 - 2012).

## (d) Market Risk

Market risk arises from the use of interest bearing, tradable financial instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk) or other market factors (other price risk).

### (e) Interest Rate Risk

The Union's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and liabilities are summarised below:

30 June 2013	Floating interest rate	Non interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Sundry Debtors	118,112 3,472,439	950 - 2,740	119,062 3,472,439 2,740
	<u>3,590,551</u>	3,690	3,594,241
Weighted average interest rate	4.16%		
Financial Liabilities Payables	**	108,560	108,560
	440	108,560	108,560
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	3,590,551	(104,870)	3,485,681

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012 (Cont'd)

## 8. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

30 June 2012		Floating interest rate	Non Interest bearing	Total
		\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Sundry Deposits		235,514 3,072,101	950 - 2,740	236,464 3,072,101 2,740
		3,307,615	3,690	3,311,305
Weighted average interest rate		4.79%		
Financial Liabilities Payables			127,213	127,213
			127,213	127,213
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)		3,307,615	(123,523)	3,184,092
(e) Interest Rate Risk				
Sensitivity Analysis				
2013	Carrying Amount	(100 Ba Poir	nts) rofit	-1% 00 Basis Points) Loss \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,590,551	35,	<b>\$</b> 906	(35,906)
2012	Carrying Amount	(100 Ba	•	-1% 00 Basis Points) Loss
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<b>\$</b> 3,307,615		<b>\$</b> 076	<b>\$</b> (33,076)

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013 (Cont'd)

### 8. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

(f) Other Price Risks

The union does not invest in shares or derivatives therefore it does not expose itself to the fluctuations in price that are inherent in such a market.

(g) Foreign Exchange Risk

The union is not directly exposed to foreign exchange rate risk.

## 9, SUPERANNUATION

All employees of the union are entitled to benefits from a superannuation plan on retirement, disability or death. The union participated in a defined contribution plan. The benefits provided under this plan are based on accumulated contributions and earnings for each employee. The union's liability is limited to paying the contributions to the plan.

#### 10. RELATED PARTIES

- (a) The aggregate amount of remuneration paid to officers during the financial year is disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income under Salaries and Allowances -Officials.
- (b) The aggregate amount paid during the financial period to a superannuation plan in respect of elected full time officers was \$22,446 (2012: \$22,314).
- (c) There have been no other transactions between officers and the union other than those relating to their membership of the union and the reimbursement by the union in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Such transactions have been on conditions no more favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect would have been adopted by parties at arm's length.

### 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The registered office and principal place of business of the Union is:

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# Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales (the "Union"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information to the financial report and the statement by the Committee of Management.

#### Responsibility of the Committee of Management for the financial report

The Committee of Management of the Union is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996. This responsibility includes such internal controls as the Committee of Management determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

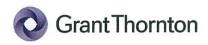
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Union's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing

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an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion

### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the applicable independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and the Industrial Relations Act 1996.

### **Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion,

- a the financial report of Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales
  - i presents fairly, in all material respects, the Union's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - ii complies with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996; and
  - iii they were kept by in respect of the year under review, satisfactory records detailing the sources and nature of income (including income from members) and the nature and purposes of expenditure; and
  - iv the attached financial report including the Certificates of the Committee of Management and the Accounting Officer is prepared in accordance with Section 510 of the Industrial Relations Act, 1991 (NSW), as applied by Section 282 (3) of the Industrial Relations Act, 1996

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Sydney, 31 October 2013