(FORMERLY NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES' UNION)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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 2014.
- (ii) In the opinion of the Committee of Management, meetings of the Committee were held during the year ended 30 June 2014 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 2014 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 2014 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

JIM CASEY

State Secretary

DARIN SULLIVAN President

20 November 2014

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 2014, the number of members of the Union was 6,208.

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 2014.
- (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

20 November 2014

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THEYEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
INCOME		Ţ	Ţ
Contributions Interest Sale of Union Merchandise Sundry Income		2,400,067 138,743 1,159 449	2,387,820 150,965 1,945 399
TOTAL INCOME		2,540,418	2,541,129
EXPENDITURE			
Depreciation Buildings Computer Equipment Motor Vehicles Office Furniture and Equipment		207,682 10,932 13,035 41,077	207,682 11,165 14,256 41,057
Employee Benefits Expense		272,726	274,160
Accrued Annual Leave –Increase/(Decrease) in Provision Fringe Benefits Tax Long Service Leave – (Decrease)/Increase in		(24,825) 1,337	78,701 2,102
Provision Payroll Tax Salaries and Allowances - Officials		21,741 44,957 135,215 1,219,448	(76,170) 39,873 132,034 1,079,016
- Other staff Superannuation		163,355	156,006
		1,561,229	1,411,562
Other Expenses Affiliation Fees		25,992	27,056
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 Financial Relief Payments		4,060 1,063 6,988 1,618 7,200 6,315 27,615 14,553 7,462 15,000 (126)	4,550 981 5,099 1,783 6,800 4,886 28,327 18,322 7,823 11,000 53,766
Motor Vehicle Expenses		3,505	3,188
Carried Forward		121,215	173,581

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (Cont'd)

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Brought Forward Office Expenses - Orange Office Expenses - Temora Stamp Duty State Committee Allowances and Expenses Postage Printing and Stationery Professional Services Promotional Materials Property Expenses Telephone & External Communications Training (Gain)/Loss on disposal of assets	5 6	121,215 19,086 24,014 1,132 111,866 4,831 43,255 94,875 25,773 68,515 19,898 2,214 -	173,581 20,786 20,578 2,073 120,325 6,785 19,560 334,828 21,485 73,063 25,243 109 (4,409) 814,007
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,370,628	2,499,729
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		169,790	41,400
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	E	169,790	41,400
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR – GENERAL FUND	-	169,790	41,400

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents Cash at Bank - Working Fund Cash on Hand		197,799 950	118,112 950
		198,749	119,062
Receivables Accrued Interest Prepayments Sundry Deposits		7,996 10,048 2,740 20,784	8,180 11,232 2,740 22,152
Investments Members Equity Business Direct Savings Account Members Equity Term Deposit		985 3,860,361 3,861,346	954 <u>3,471,485</u> 3,472,439
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,080,879	3,613,653
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment Property Computer Equipment Motor Vehicles Office Furniture and Equipment	4(a) 4(b) 4(c) 4(d)	3,861,600 10,130 61,300 136,102 4,069,132	4,069,282 21,062 74,335 <u>176,134</u> 4,340,813
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		4,069,132	4,340,813
TOTAL ASSETS		8,150,012	7,954,466

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014 (Cont'd) LIABILITIES	2014 \$	2013 \$
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables Sundry Creditors	<u>133,300</u> 133,300	108,560 108,560
Employee Entitlements Employee Entitlements for Annual Leave Employee Entitlements for Long Service Leave	250,523 124,232 374,755	275,348 115,337 390,685
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	508,055	499,245
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee Entitlements Employee Entitlements for Long Service Leave	39,519	22,573
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	39,519	22,573
TOTAL LIABILITIES	547,574	521,818
NET ASSETS	7,602,438	7,432,648
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	7,602,438	7,432,648

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	General Fund	Award Fighting Fund	Total Accumulated Funds	
	\$	\$	\$	
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		(53,766)	(53,766)	
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	(17,434)	58,834	41,400	
Balance at 30 June 2013	7,163,101	269,547	7,432,648	
Surplus for the Year	54,390	-	54,390	
Transfer to Award Fighting Fund	-	115,400	115,400	
Transfer to General Fund	384,947	(384,947)		
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	439,337	(269,547)	169,790	
Balance at 30 June 2014	7,602,438		7,602,438	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members Payments to Suppliers and Employees Interest Received Other Receipts		2,640,074 (2,310,970) 138,927 1,608	2,626,602 (2,483,587) 150,589 2,343
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7(b)	469,639	295,947
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Property, Plant and Equipment Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment Payment for Investments		(1,045) (388,907)	16,545 (29,556) (400,338)
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(389,952)	(413,349)
NET (DECREASE) IN CASH		79,687	(117,402)
Cash at Beginning of Year		119,062	236,464
CASH AT END OF YEAR	7(a)	198,749	119,062

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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 2014 (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 2014 (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)

4.

(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.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
(a)	PROPERTY		
	1 to 7 BELMORE STREET Land - At Cost Building - At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation - Building	1,113,475 4,183,034 (1,434,909) 3,861,600	1,113,475 4,183,034 (1,227,227) 4,069,282
(b)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	125,687 (115,558) 10,130	125,687 (104,625) 21,062
(c)	MOTOR VEHICLES At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	86,829 (25,529)	86,829 (12,494)
(d)	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	61,300 452,543 (316,441) 136,102	74,335 451,498 (275,364) 176,134
тот	AL PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4,069,132	4,340,813

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (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
Balan 1 July Additio	2013 2013	4,069,282	21,062	74,335	176,134 1,045	4,340,813 1,045
•	ciation	(207,682)	(10,932)	(13,035)	(41,077)	(272,726)
Balan 30 Ju	ce at ne 2014	3,861,600	10,130	61,300	136,102	4,069,132
					2014 \$	2013 \$
5.	PROFES	SIONAL SERV	ICES			
	Audit Fees Audit Fees - Other Accounting Services Legal Fees Consultants			17,200 - 44,450 33,225 94,875	16,750 80,354 237,724 334,828	
6.	PROPER	RTY EXPENSES	;			
	Office Cl Rates - -	y and Gas eaning Expense Water Municipal and Maintenance			17,980 33,458 1,612 10,691 4,774 68,515	19,459 28,908 1,493 11,064 12,139 73,063

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (Cont'd)

7.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
(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	197,799	118,112_
		198,749	119,062
(b)	Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating result		
	Surplus	169,790	41,400
	Non-Cash Flows in Net Surplus		
	Depreciation	272,726	274,160
	Net (Gain)/Loss on disposal of assets	-	(4,409)
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
	Increase in Employee Entitlements	1,016	2,531
	(Increase) in Accrued Interest	183	(378)
	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	1,185	1,296
	(Decrease)/Increase in Sundry Creditors	24,739	(18,653)
	NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING		
	ACTIVITIES	469,639	295,947

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (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:

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank Working Fund	197,799	118,112
Members Equity Business Direct Savings Account	984	954
Members Equity Term Deposit	3,860,361	3,471,485
	4,059,144	3,590,551

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 2014 (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 2014 it had \$4,062,835 (\$3,591,501 – 2013) of cash and cash equivalents to meet these obligations as they fall due. Financial liabilities at 30 June 2014 totalled \$133,300 (\$108,560 – 2013).

(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 2014	Floating interest rate	Non interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	197,799	950	198,749
Investments	3,861,346	-	3,861,346
Sundry Debtors		2,740	2,740
	4,059,145	3,690	4,062,835
Weighted average interest rate	3.37%		
Financial Liabilities Payables		133,300	133,300
	-	133,300	133,300
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	4,059,145	(129,610)	3,929,535

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (Cont'd)

8. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

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

(e) Interest Rate Risk

Sensitivity Analysis

2014	Carrying Amount	+1% (100 Basis Points) Profit	-1% (100 Basis Points) Loss
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,059,145	\$ 40,591	\$ (40,591)
2042	Corrying	140/	-1%

2013	Carrying	+1%	-1%
	Amount	(100 Basis	(100 Basis
		Points)	Points)
		Profit	Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,590,551	35,906	(35,906)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (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 \$23,325 (2013: \$22,446).
- (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 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other 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 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 of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996. This responsibility includes such internal control as the Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is 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. Those standards 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.

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In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Union's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing 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 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:
 - ii presents fairly, in all material respects, the Union's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance and cash flows for the year then ended
 - iii complies with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996; and
- b. they were kept by in respect of the year under review, satisfactory records detailing the source and nature of income (including income from members) and the nature and purposes of expenditure; and
- c. 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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N Sinclair Partner - Audit & Assurance Sydney, 20 November 2014