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Mr Darin Sullivan  
Acting State Secretary  
Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales  
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Dear Mr Sullivan,

**Re: Firefighting Foam**

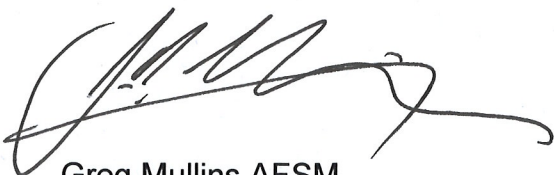
Thank you for raising your concerns with me on this issue. Advice to us from NSW Health is that testing has no clinical value for residents or firefighters.

I note your point that testing could be used as a “baseline assessment” and also that members would find testing reassuring and it would “ensure their peace of mind.”

Given these points and your wish to understand in more detail the ethics and limitations of blood tests, we have met with NSW Health and they have agreed to put your views to the Environmental Health Expert Advisory Panel.

I propose to forward your letter to NSW Health for referral to the Panel. If you have further details you wish to provide on what you would like to be achieved from blood testing, I would be pleased to receive this by Friday 22 July as the Panel is meeting on Monday 25 July 2016.

Yours sincerely



Greg Mullins AFSM  
**Commissioner**