

Fire Brigade Employees Union
Belmore St, Surry Hills NSW 2010



25 February 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions.

1. Can you commit to supporting there be no reduction to staff or resources for Fire & Rescue NSW?

Yes.

2. Do you support increases in funding for firefighters and resources?

Yes. We are guided by Firefighters and the FBEU as the people with the best available information about any increases needed to ensure quality service provision and productive and safe working conditions.

3. Do you believe firefighters are frontline emergency services workers?

Yes. They deserve recognition and support as such.

4. Do you support have a fair and independent umpire who can make decisions about the value of work?

Yes. We also commit to using our votes in Parliament to remove the public sector salary cap and return wage setting powers to the IRC.

5. Do you support governments agreeing to consult with firefighters should there be any proposed changes to the scope of the work?

Yes. Firefighters are the experts in their field and are best placed to understand the impact of any proposed changes and advise accordingly. Their voices must guide any change process.



Leighton Drury
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Fire Brigade Employees' Union
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Thursday 28th February, 2019.

Dear Leighton,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 February 2019. The following response on behalf of the NSW Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party.

I wish to advise that my Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party colleagues and I support in principle the goals and objectives of the Fire Brigade Employees' Union (FBEU) outlined in your letter, and we look forward to fostering an ongoing relationship with the FBEU and the brave firefighters who we recognise as frontline emergency service workers.

You will appreciate the fact that as a minor party the Shooters Fishers and Farmers will not form government in the coming parliament. However, we will continue to hold the Government accountable and we will strive to work with the Government of the day to deliver what is in the best interests of the brave men and women whom you represent.

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party (SFFP) recently demonstrated unified support for firefighters when voting in the Parliament of New South Wales on the Workers Compensation (Firefighters' Presumptive Rights to Compensation) Bill 2018 and the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018, and amendments thereof.

We are committed to supporting firefighters, and in the coming days SFFP colleagues and I plan to again stand side-by-side with your members to advocate for increased resources and the introduction of presumptive rights workers compensation, inclusive of retrospectivity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Philip Donato MP
Member for Orange

