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Fire Brigade Employees' Union  
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27 November 2020

Dear Leighton,

**Re: Assist Ambulance Incidents**

I write in response to your email on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 regarding Assist Ambulance incidents.

As identified in my email to all FRNSW staff on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the State Rescue Board (SRB) considered the issue of whether or not these incidents constitute a rescue call at their meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The SRB resolved that non-clinical assist load incidents are not rescue incidents and are not required to be passed to the Police Rescue Coordinator, instead they can be handled directly between NSW and FRNSW, or other agencies.

Given that this SRB decision has now clarified an outstanding policy question related to the discussions between FRNSW and FBEU it is timely that the two parties continue our consultation in relation to Assist Ambulance incidents. FRNSW remains committed to consulting with the FBEU on the concerns that the FBEU has identified and resolving these.

Your email of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 requested a copy of the SRB meeting minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> November. At this time the SRB minutes have not been finalised and made available. FRNSW will provide these to you once the minutes are finalised and released.

I remain willing to meet with the FBEU to discuss this matter and propose a meeting at 9:00am Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. With the easing of COVID restrictions it may now be preferable to meet in person.

Arrangements for this meeting can be made by contacting the Capability Manager Medical, Superintendent Adam Dewberry on 0407 154 816.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner  
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