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Mr Leighton Drury  
Fire Brigade Employees' Union of NSW  
State Secretary  
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Dear Mr Drury,

**Re: AFA Bans and Assist Ambulance.**

Thank you for the discussion with Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) senior representatives regarding the above on 7 December 2020.

NSW Ambulance (NSWA) has confirmed the status quo remains in place in relation to FRNSW providing assistance to NSWA. That is, in the first instance, NSWA will try to resource calls for additional assistance internally.

When the minutes from the last State Rescue Board meeting are available, I would be happy to forward them to you for your information.

The Service Level Agreement between FRNSW and NSWA for Non-Clinical Assist Load/Assist Ambulance calls is close to being in a final draft form. Once this is ready, it will be provided to the Fire Brigade Employees' Union (FBEU) as part of the consultation process.

In addition, the final draft of the WHS Risk Assessment is expected to be available on Friday 11 December 2020. It will then be provided to the HSRs for their comment.

I believe this information deals with the matters of concern raised by you.

On a separate matter, I note that the FBEU continues to impose 'bans' on the correct entry of Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) stop codes. It is more than disappointing that Firefighters have been directed by the FBEU to misrepresent stop codes for AFAs. This places employees in the difficult position of knowingly recording incorrect data regarding AFAs, as well as impacting on the FRNSW budget position.

I seek your confirmation that those 'bans' will be immediately lifted. In the event that they are not, FRNSW will have no reasonable alternative but to notify the NSW Industrial Relations Commission tomorrow afternoon of a Dispute.

Please contact the writer in the first instance at '[bernard.king@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bernard.king@fire.nsw.gov.au)'.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bernard King', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bernard King  
**Director Employee Relations**