



MEDIA STATEMENT

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DFAW / DFES (FESA) Workers Response to Ferguson Report

Statement from Toni Walkington Secretary of CPSU/CSA:

There is no denying this is a critical report.

Government workers already knew that significant and wide ranging changes need to be established for improved bushfire control.

In saying that, we believe the important change is the requirement for a greater investment in the preventative measures and ongoing capacity of the fire response teams and not the particular structure of an organisation.

The concerns of government staff lie with addressing long outstanding issues such as inadequate staffing levels and increases to prescribed burns throughout WA.

If the government addresses these issues, there will be less incidences and fire emergency situations.

We welcome recommendations to improve crew fatigue management and truck tracking.

For further comment

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