



## State Emergency Service Volunteers Association of WA Inc (SESVA) on behalf of State Emergency Service Units (SES)



### Emergency Services Legislation Reform



### SESVA is seeking feedback from SES Volunteers

With increased natural hazard impacts on communities due to climate change, the SESVA would value feedback from all SES Volunteers on the following questions:

1. Can my/our SES Unit fulfill its role now and for the next 20 years with the current culture and level of resources such as financial, equipment, vehicles, training, development, and career opportunities, and why?
2. What are the top 3 priorities for my/our SES Unit to be included in the new Emergency Services Legislation?

### Update on Emergency Services Legislation Reform

- The Government has committed to consolidate 3 Acts into one Emergency Services Act:
  1. Fire Brigades Act 1942
  2. Bush Fires Act 1954
  3. Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998
- These are the rules of how we conduct our business.
- This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to secure the future of SES Units and the communities they serve for the long term future/20 years.

### Current Status

SESVA has identified the following key themes to be included in the new Emergency Legislation:

1. Provide recognition and respect for SES Volunteers in the new legislation
2. Legally protect SES Volunteers in the new legislation
3. Maintain the independence of SES Volunteer Units in the new legislation
4. Achieve long term sustainability for the SES Volunteer Units in the new legislation
5. Develop a working agreement/charter with the WA Government reflecting points 1 – 4 above

**Provide your feedback by Monday 6 March – additional detail from volunteer members is required now:**

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