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Subject: Request for extension of the time for receiving submission regarding the inquiry into the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

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Dear Committee Members,

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There are 1,400 Rural Fire Brigades that defend 93% of Queensland.

This draft legislation affects every one of them and the 27,000 Rural Fire members across Queensland in every aspect of brigade operations and brigade membership.

For a Rural Fire Brigade to make a submission will require a brigade meeting (minimum of 7 days notice), the brigade to read the draft legislation, formulate an opinion through discussion and then actually write a submission.

This cannot be achieved in the less than 5 working days that the Committee has provided for.

In 2015 the RFBAQ wrote to the Parliamentary Finance and Administration Committee citing the above reasons in requesting an extension to the time allowed for submissions to be made and this extension was given.

I am requesting that your committee extend the submission period to 1 month from the date of your notification email, Friday 8th March. (email attached)

Regards

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