



Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations National State Emergency Service Volunteers Association



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between CAVFA and NSESVA

The Council of Volunteer Fire Associations (CAVFA) and the National State Emergency Service Volunteers Association (NSESVA) will sign an agreement for mutual understanding, co-operation and collaboration when representing Australia's emergency service volunteers.

This Memorandum of Understanding, when signed, will provide a united voice in discussion and negotiation on matters of mutual interest.

CAVFA Chairperson, Ken Middleton said the Memorandum of Understanding ensures the needs and concerns of all volunteers will now be considered when discussing matters that may have significant impact on them.

"Together, CAVFA and the NSESVA represent close to 300,000 fire and emergency service volunteers across Australia and the agreement will allow us to have a united voice and mutual understanding on how we can best represent these volunteers. "

NSESVA President, Charlie Moir agreed the arrangement would have many benefits given the mutual interest and combined expertise both associations possess.

"The memorandum provides a basis to continue the strong relationship already formed between both organisations and will establish an effective and ongoing dialogue concerning matters that affect the nation's emergency service volunteers."

Additional information:

The *Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations (CAVFA)* is an alliance of 11 volunteer fire brigade associations within Australia. The Council was established to give volunteer fire fighters a united voice in representations with government and key stakeholders.

Association members are: ACT Volunteer Brigades Association, Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades of WA, NSW Rural Fire Service Association, NT Bushfire Volunteers Association, Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland, Queensland Auxiliary Fire fighters Association, SA Country Fire Service Volunteers Association, Tasmanian Retained Volunteer Fire fighters Association, Tasmanian

Volunteer Fire Brigades Association, Volunteer Fire Brigades of Victoria, and WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association.

The *National State Emergency Service Volunteers Association (NSESVA)* was established to represent the thousands of State and Territory Emergency Service volunteers. The Association works to achieve nationally consistent goals that represent the interests of its volunteer members, advocating for them when appropriate. With over 43,000 State and Territory Emergency Service volunteers the Association provides a forum for national cross jurisdiction communication, collaboration and coordination on common issues in the emergency management arena that effect volunteers.

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