

Good Morning,

My husband and I have been CFA volunteers for nearly 20 years. We are also farmers in the western district of Victoria.

Our concern with the current EBA before CFA is that it will reduce the support provided to brigades as well as causing great concern over the power of the UFU to stipulate resourcing etc at large fires. What we all have to remember is volunteers give their time for Free, and as such we are generous in our nature, what we don't need is red tape, our time wasted (as we are free) and having to undertake duties that should be carried out by paid staff.

We volunteer our time to protect and enhance our communities. We do so by sacrificing our time away from home, families, farms and businesses at great cost to ourselves and our families.

The CFA has always been a proud volunteer organisation that protects communities, and our communities are our family.

Regards

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