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Dear Sir,


It has come to our attention that this senate inquiry is investigating the provision of Aviation Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) at Australian Airports. As a board member of the Fire Fighting Foam Coalition (FFFC), a coalition of industry leaders formed to represent manufacturers, distributors, and users on issues related to the efficacy and environmental impact of fire fighting foams (fffc.org), we thought it is very appropriate to submit a package of relevant information, some previously submitted to the Queensland government which addresses your terms of reference particularly those concerning life safety (a) and (h).

We also add to these former documents two recent letters sent to the United Nations Stockholm Convention POPs Review Committee which address an IPEN report containing inaccurate information.

The attached consists of:

- . FFFC's response to draft policy on the management of firefighting foams (Queensland). This 2015 response is still relevant regarding the performance differences between Fluorine Free Foams (F3) and AFFF.
- . FFFC's comments on the IPEN report submitted to the UN.
- . Eurofeu's comments on the IPEN report submitted to the UN.

We appreciate and value the work of this inquiry as there are serious safety concerns for passengers, firefighters and nearby communities in the provision of ARFF services in Australia.

With best regards. 

 Martial Pabon, PhD

CEO