



## Media Statement

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# CFS Volunteer Firefighters should receive equal compensation

Geoff Brock MP, supports the amendments by Hon Tammy Franks to include the CFS Volunteers in the Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Bill, so they are afforded equal rights to compensation if they are diagnosed with a prescribed cancer.

The career and volunteer firefighters provide a remarkable service to all of us in the community. Their courage and bravery in defending property and person cannot be underestimated, and their dedication can never be questioned.

Geoff has supported the Greens in the House of Assembly and was disappointed the amendment to this Bill was not supported by all parties when first introduced.

Geoff will continue to support the push by the Hon Tammy Franks and advocate for equal cancer-compensation cover for CFS Volunteers. We need all firefighters to protect our community in times of fires and recently in South Australia's extreme bushfires, without discrimination we accept their help.

It is time to acknowledge the risks and afford the same coverage whether or not they belong to MFS, CFS, are paid or a volunteer firefighter. They are all exposed to many of the same fires, and it is these exposures which open them up to heightened risks of cancer.

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