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Pre-Election update

Over the last few months the CFSVA has been actively promoting the CFSVA Policy Document (available on line at www.cfsva.org.au) to all political parties in the lead up to this Saturday's state election.

The document has been very well received by politicians and their advisors and has been promoted by the CFSVA as a "living document" – one that can be worked upon and built upon to "Build a strong CFS -2014 and beyond"

Below is a summary of the responses received. The summaries are brief, however a full copy of the responses received are attached. Please be warned if you intend printing the responses that some run over 8 – 10 pages. The CFSVA would be pleased to answer any questions from volunteers who may need clarification of points raised in the responses:

South Australian Labor Party:

Commitments:

Presumptive legislation:

A re-elected Labor Government will undertake a review of the legislation. The review will be completed within 3 months and the recommendations tabled to Parliament by the end of September 2014.

Other:

The Labor Party indicates that under their government funding to the CFS has increased by 157%. This is correct, however this percentage includes 12 years of CPI adjustments. State Budget figures for 2013/2014 indicate no increase funding to CFS for the next 4 years.

The SAGRN network is to be upgraded in 2015 to address issues with black spot areas. The CFS currently pays an annual fee of approximately \$10 million for the use of the SAGRN.

More thermal imaging cameras will be provided to regions.

Provide land at peppercorn rate to SA volunteer Fire Fighting Museum in Naracorte.

A full response from the South Australian Labor Party is attached

Liberal Party:

Commitments:

Presumptive legislation:

The Liberal Party if elected has committed to amend the Workers Compensation Act 1986 to ensure that volunteer firefighters are provided the same access to compensation as paid firefighters.

Other:

The Liberal Party has committed to work with the CFSVA in addressing the matters raised in the CFSVA policy document.

Attached is the letter of commitment in relation to the Presumptive legislation from the Liberal Party. No formal response was made to the CFSVA policy document.

Australian Greens SA:

Presumptive Legislation:

The Greens have solidly supported the inclusion of volunteers under the presumptive legislation and have never waived in their support for CFS volunteers in this regard.

Commitments:

The Greens are supportive of the CFSVA policy document and are committed to working with the CFSVA on matters that impact CFS volunteers.

The response from the Greens is attached

Family First:

Presumptive Legislation:

The Family First team has consistently supported the inclusion of volunteers under the presumptive legislation.

Commitments:

Family First supports the CFSVA policy document and is committed to working with the CFSVA to address matters raised within the document.

Minor Parties and Independents:

The CFSVA has also met with minor parties, independents and individual candidates all of whom have expressed their sincere appreciation for the efforts of CFS volunteers and have committed to working with the CFSVA in a new term of Government.

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