



## The Country Fire Service Volunteers Association

*"Representing the interests of CFS Members"*

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To all CFS volunteers

The CFSVA advises that we have been banned from using the CFS **Volunteer** Portal to communicate with volunteers. This is not an isolated incident and yet again highlights the double standards and disrespect towards volunteers which the CFSVA is constantly fighting to overcome.

The CFSVA, as previously stated, will respond to the serious allegations made yesterday by Minister Wingard once legal opinion has been received so as not to prejudice any potential recourse the association may choose to pursue.

The CFSVA Executive team advises that we fully support Sonia St Alban, who has at all times acted with our full knowledge and to our instructions, and who, even whilst under personal attack for carrying out these instructions has remained professional and focussed on ensuring that the Association's position is maintained and your interests represented at all times.

The CFSVA would also like to thank the numerous volunteers who have communicated their support, and apologises to anyone whose call was missed, as the sheer volume of calls from volunteers was overwhelming.

Given that the CFSVA has been banned from communicating with volunteers through the CFS **VOLUNTEER** portal we ask that you forward this and future communications from the CFSVA through your CFSVA Branches and your own data base and will show the truly strong network that exists amongst CFS volunteers.

Regards

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