



**RURAL FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND INC.** ABN. 37 417 474 709

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The Hon. Anthony Albanese, MP
Prime Minister of Australia

Dear Prime Minister,

The management committee of the Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland met in Gympie on Friday, 15th August. At this meeting a resolution was passed that I write to you requesting an extension of the Australian Lung Screen Trial to firefighters, whether they be volunteer, part time or full time.

In 2015, the Queensland Parliament introduced Presumptive Legislation for 12 different firefighting cancers and in 2024 the list of diseases presumed to be work-related was expanded to include 11 new diseases.

This takes the total number of specified diseases presumed to be work-related in Queensland to 23.

Under the Presumptive Scheme, if a firefighter develops a cancer listed in the legislation and has served the required years, the law presumes the cancer is work-related.

This streamlines the claims process by removing the need to prove a link between the cancer and firefighting.

The list of diseases presumed to be work-related in Queensland includes:

- primary site lung cancer.
- asbestos related disease
- malignant mesothelioma
- multiple myeloma
- primary site bladder cancer
- primary site brain cancer
- primary site breast cancer
- primary site cervical cancer
- primary site colorectal cancer
- primary site kidney cancer
- primary site leukaemia
- primary site liver cancer
- primary site lung cancer
- primary site non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- primary site oesophageal cancer
- primary site ovarian cancer
- primary site pancreatic cancer
- primary site penile cancer
- primary site prostate cancer
- primary site skin cancer
- primary site testicular cancer
- primary site thyroid cancer
- primary site ureter cancer
- primary site uterine cancer

Whilst an extension of this trial would be a large commitment from the Australian Government, it would be an acknowledgement of the commitment shown by all firefighters in this most fire prone of all continents.

Kind regards

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Cc Hon. Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Fire & Volunteers.



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