

Rural Fire Service fleet update – June 2019

Since 2014/2015, QFES has worked to replace and sustain the RFS fleet. Over this time, QFES has contributed increased funding to its fleet and taken increased ownership of replacement.

A total of 332 new RFS trucks have been delivered since 2014/15, which makes up more than 32 percent of the QFES-supported fleet. This includes the delivery of 119 trucks in the 2018/19 year alone and is a record investment in the RFS fleet.

The average age of the RFS fleet is 10 years, however, there are other vehicles which are considerably older. As a result, QFES is seeking to sustain a level of investment which would allow the fleet to be replaced inside a 15-year window. To do that, QFES would need to invest in an average of 60 vehicles each year. This investment would include an ongoing assessment of operational need in consultation with brigades and regions.

The fuel and vehicle maintenance funding initiative started on 1 July 2016. Since then, QFES has provided \$3.8 million per annum in fuel and maintenance funding for RFS asset-registered vehicles.

