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TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS UFUA SOUTH AUSTRALIA! OCCUPATIONAL CANCER RECOGNISED IN SA

Today the South Australian Parliament passed legislation to recognise 12 occupational cancers for South Australian Firefighters.

As a result, firefighters in the ACT, Aviation, Tasmania, Western Australia and now South Australia all have the protection to enable firefighters diagnosed with an occupational cancer to access their entitlements, medical assistance and compensation.

The South Australian legislation is closely modelled on the Tasmanian legislation that was passed in September which recognises 12 cancers with qualifying periods for career firefighters and in addition specific provisions to include volunteer firefighters.

Australia is the third nation to recognise occupational cancer for firefighters with the passing of the Federal legislation to protect ACT and Aviation firefighters in 2011. Australia has forged its own path with the Tasmanian and South Australian legislation building on the Federal legislation to provide specific provisions and exposure requirements for Volunteer firefighters.

The news was relayed to the South Australia Branch Secretary and National President Greg Northcott, while he was in New Zealand as part of the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union 25th Anniversary. The UFUA delegation also included National Secretary Peter Marshall and representatives from Tasmania and Victoria.

The UFUA, led by National Secretary Peter Marshall, and the Tasmanian Branch representatives provided an overview of the UFUA's journey in its quest for presumptive legislation at the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union Conference today. This presentation included details of the robust Senate enquiry which has been used by firefighter unions globally to campaign for similar legislation. It was a poignant moment for all when the announcement of the South Australian legislation came through.

Congratulations to the South Australian Branch and to the South Australian Labor Government in passing this legislation that will be an important legacy for firefighters in generations to come.

The UFUA's campaign to protect all firefighters diagnosed with occupational cancer is well on its way and with the success of South Australia - only 3 States remain.

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Authorised by National Secretary Peter Marshall