



# THE UNITED PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CIRCULAR

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## Operational Fleet and Workshops Crisis Advice Update 2

**Attention All Members:**

**Further to UPFU Circular 53/2022 Operational Fleet and Workshops Crisis Advice**, the Union remains in dispute over a Scania Pump being removed from service at Vincent Fire Station.

The Union has met with DFES and discussed the critical issues around Fleet and Equipment Services. The Union understands the range of reasons why DFES currently only has a limited number of standby appliances available for use as replacements, but with the knowledge DFES may treat members punitively and with concerns around compromised service delivery remaining unaddressed, there are no guarantees this practice will not continue and flow on to other stations.

With this knowledge, the Committee of Management has passed the following motion:

**The Union does not agree with an Urban Tanker and RCR Tender being placed at Vincent, or any other station, as standby appliances for a Scania Pump, as they are not suitable. These appliances will only be crewed under direction and protest.**

**If under these circumstances DFES determines to not place these appliances at Vincent or any other station, members will fill any other available seats on the remaining appliances. If DFES instead directs any members to relieve, the members will follow this direction under protest.**

**Members are to ensure that the Union office is notified when this occurs at their workplace and to formally lodge their protest through the chain of command via email.**

The Union reiterates that this matter has placed members of all ranks in a difficult position, and the Union recognises the stress that some may be feeling as it progresses and confirms that we are there to support member of all ranks and positions. You always have the right to contact your Union. Please send notifications to [admin@ufuofwa.net.au](mailto:admin@ufuofwa.net.au).

Strength in Unity

Clem Chan  
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