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UFUQ strongly refute allegations of gender discrimination in the fire service

John Oliver secretary of the Queensland Firefighters' Union has reacted strongly to claims of systemic sexism in the service.

The union takes issue with a report by Margaret Allison which inferred that firefighters are sexist.

Mr Oliver said:

“The report reviewed a couple of complaints and is now being used to paint a picture that just isn't true.

I will defend the reputation of the firefighters in Queensland.

Our members are furious about spurious claims of discrimination and harassment in the service.

UFUQ is proud of the achievements of our female firefighter members. Our union values and supports all our members, men and women alike.

Many of our female firefighter members have contacted our delegates stating that the report is absurd and that it is not a true reflection of their workplace.

UFUQ rejects the outright sensationalism and exaggeration of the report, where the conduct of a few are suggested as being indicative of the majority of our 2,000 plus members.”

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