



UNITED
**FIRE
FIGHTERS
UNION**
QUEENSLAND

Dear UFUQ member

As you may be aware there is a union in Qld under the state industrial system (UFUQ) and a union in the Commonwealth industrial system (UFUA).

Recently, the State Secretary of the UFUQ has, at the request of the State Executive, reviewed the membership application process used by the unions to ensure that it was compliant with their rules.

Through that review issues have been identified which, in a legal sense, puts into doubt whether membership of the Queensland Branch of the United Firefighters of Australia (UFUA) was effected when you applied to become a member of the UFUQ.

The view of the Union's lawyers is that, whilst **you are a member of the state registered union (UFUQ) and you retain the full rights and benefits of your membership**, you did not become a member of the UFUA. This error appears to have been inherited by the current Executive and at no point in the time since the formation of the federal union, over 20 years ago, was it picked up.

This situation can be remedied with your consent. There is no doubt at all that you have been treated by the UFUA as a member and section 168 of the Registered Organisations Act (Commonwealth) provides a method of resolving this issue, by allowing a person who has previously been treated as a member of an organisation, to make application for membership:

To make the process user friendly, please fill out and sign the attached form, then scan and email it to peterchalmers@ufuq.com.au and they will be forwarded to the national union.

There will be no pause in your access to full industrial representation by the UFUQ or the UFUA.

On behalf of the UFUQ and the UFUA I apologise for the inconvenience.

Regards

Peter Chalmers
Acting Secretary UFUA – Q
18 September 2018



Notice to the Queensland Branch of the United Firefighters of Australia (UFUA)

I,, confirm that, I:

- am employed by QFES;
- am eligible for membership of the UFUA;
- have in good faith acted as a member of the UFUA; and
- believe that I have been treated as a member of the UFUA,

and seek under s168 of the Registered Organisations Act, to be admitted as a member of the UFUA as if I was a member through the whole period of time that I was treated as a member.

Date:/09/18

Signed: