



Tasmania Fire Service

Office of the Chief Officer

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General Secretary
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Dear Mr Lynch

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION - PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE FIRE AND POLICE LIBRARY SERVICES – 30 NOVEMBER 2012

As part of the Department of Police and Emergency Management's (DPEM) direction to reduce duplication and enhance shared services and facilities within the Tasmanian Emergency Services Sector, considerable work has been undertaken, by Tasmania Police, the State Emergency Service, Tasmania Fire Service and Ambulance Tasmania, in identifying common functions and potential areas of savings.

One area that was identified early in the process as potentially providing an opportunity to share services was the Police and Fire libraries. Both libraries work independently, have dedicated librarians, operate from different locations, use different library software systems and in some regards provide different services to their end users.

Over the past year consultation between the Librarians, the Community Public Sector Union (CPSU) and management has provided an opportunity for each service to identify differences and similarities between their services. From these discussions an options paper was recently prepared for consideration by the Emergency Services Review Committee (ESRC) which comprises representatives from Fire, Police, SES and Ambulance Tasmania.

ESRC is comfortable with the options proposed and prior to a full report being submitted to the Secretary DPEM for decision, a copy of the options paper was to be provided to stakeholders for comment. Accordingly, a copy of the options paper has been made available for downloading from the TFS intranet under "What's New".



Your written input in regard to the feasibility of the various options is requested. Please forward any submissions/comments to the Library Submissions email address Librarysubmissions@fire.tas.gov.au or posted direct to the Chief Officer, Tasmania Fire Service, GPO Box 1576 Hobart 7001. Closing date for submissions is 12 December, 2012.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Brown', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mike Brown
CHIEF OFFICER

30 November 2012