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I am making this submission as	Emergency services
Submission type	Personal
Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	
Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	
Consent to make submission public	Public
Your story	I have been a firefighter since the age of 16. I joined as a member of the NSW RFS and was an active member responding to emergencies with my local brigade in Tamworth Nsw for 3 years. When i was 18 i applied to be a Retained firefighter with Fire And Rescue NSW. I was a very active member at the West Tamworth fire station for 5 years responding to all sorts of incidents and joining strike teams to assist with large scale fires and flooding natural disasters. At the age of 24 i moved to Tasmania and joined the Sheffield fire brigade, and i am now the Third Officer at my station. With my experience between these roles the best way for the government to move forward is to have a serious look at streamlining our fire agencies country wide to one service. One uniform, same trucks (each state can differ using what is operationally required) but the same operating systems, same training for all fire fighters. I noticed during the recent bushfires all the crews Tasmania sent to help werw hampered by the lack of experince with the NSW appliances.

And smaller states like TAS are left short with uniforms and gear that isnt sufficient for them to do the task at hand.

## AUSTRALIA FIRE SERVICE

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### 1.1 Causes and contributing factors

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### 1.2 Preparation and planning

The prep and planning would be significantly easier and more efficient if we had the one streamlined fire service Australia wide.

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### 1.3 Response to bushfires

Our response to the bushfires would be faster more efficient and more effective if everyone Australia wide knew the gear and how to operate the appliances in every state. This needs to be seriously considered by the Australian government for our future and for the better of our fire fighters and our community.

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### 1.4 Any other matters

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