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After looking over you proposed model I am deeply concerned that all identity of CFS, SES and MFS will be lost. CFS Volunteers are very protective of that. I believe that being common at the regional level will be made up of MFS paid staff that are looking for a position leading to retirement and will be Paid sector biased. This would lead to a loss of specialised expertise in each sector.

After attending the CFSVA meeting last week I believe that their proposal would be acceptable to Volunteers, however most would believe no change would be best. As it seems that all other states seem envious of our system.

I would wonder if there was a Review of SA Government and the review suggested that SA change to the American, or Japanese system of Government. How many politicians would be up in arms against such change.

I look back at the NRM where several Boards have been amalgamated and a lot of specialties have gone by the way due to funding cuts.

About which we are constantly being bombarded by climate change scenarios that point to bigger storms, more and bigger Fires yet the sector is being required to get efficiencies' savings and I feel that your proposal will create a loss of expertise in these two areas.

I still see no Financial gain in your proposal.

To see a Benefit I feel that you need to look at areas such as wastage in infrastructure (Taj Mahal buildings) and such things as vehicle leasing over purchasing, Allowing groups/regions to manage building new stations to set specifications.

Thank you for the cancer legislation update.

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