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To whom it may concern,

At the invitation of the Local Government Association of Tasmania I take this opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed reforms for establishing the State Fire and Emergency Services Commission as described in the Position Paper November 2024.

As Acting General Manager I write with around 12 years of experience in appointed Emergency Management coordinator roles working closely with SES and similar time representing councils on Fire Management Area Committees. Over this time and in these roles, I have worked with people from SES and TFS of good character and motivation to carry out their roles in the inter-agency cooperative fashion required.

The reports being responded to allude to problems needing resolution. From the outside of these services, even working on the relevant inter-agency committees it is impossible to really know what the performance issues are and to be satisfied that the proposed governance structures will resolve the problems the reports being responded to identify.

Governance arrangements are important however they are only as good as the people engaged to implement them will allow and if resourcing for their position deliverables is adequate. To that end, we rely on those charged with recruitment and appointment to choose not only those adequately skills-based but of such character to work productively with all stakeholders. We welcome the initiatives that remove duplication and increase efficiencies for our communities.

We wish the Minister well with the review and trust the people of Tasmania continue to be well served by the amended emergency services arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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