

FUNDING & PERSONNEL CUTS



The Issues

Do more with less...

- 🇺🇸 In the last 10 years funding to the sector has endured successive cuts, consistently below per capita funding for fire service organisations Australia-wide.
- 🇺🇸 Productivity Commission statistics show per capita funding to the MFS and CFS was cut, in real terms, in 4 out of the last 10 budgets.
- 🇺🇸 In 2018/19 the Government de-established funding to the sector, cutting the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) by a forecast \$90m (or 28%), which had provided 93.4% of funding to the MFS and CFS.
- 🇺🇸 In 2018/19 funding to the MFS and CFS combined was almost \$30 per person less than the equivalent per capita funding to all fire service organisations across Australia.

Personnel to meet demands...

- 🇺🇸 Over the last 10 years South Australia has suffered persistent cuts to the number of paid firefighters and support personnel in both the MFS and CFS and is now consistently below per capita numbers of paid firefighters in fire service organisations Australia-wide.
- 🇺🇸 Productivity Commission statistics show the number of firefighting and support personnel in the MFS and CFS was cut in 4 out of the last 10 budgets.
- 🇺🇸 In 2018/19 the MFs and CFS combined had six full-time equivalent personnel (FTEs) less than the equivalent per capita number of firefighting and support personnel in fire service organisations Australia-wide.
- 🇺🇸 In 2018/19 MFS and CFS labour and capital costs were \$25.44 per person less than equivalent per capita labour and capital costs in fire service organisations Australia-wide.

What we need

Recognition of the need to re-invest into sector...

- 🇺🇸 Significant investment to raise per capita funding to ensure SA communities across the state can be provided with the service they need and expect.
- 🇺🇸 Recognise the need to ensure sector is adequately resourced with personnel, both operational and operational support roles.
- 🇺🇸 Provide the funding to ensure SAMFS can realistically meet the required government target of maintaining fleet reserves.
- 🇺🇸 Long-term investment into the SAMFS on-going capital budget recognising the true cost of delivering a world class service to the SA community.

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