

THE FLEET

(WITHOUT IT WE CAN'T KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE)

**UNITED
FIRE FIGHTERS
UNION**
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

The Issues

TRUCKS PAST USE-BY DATES...

- 42 Trucks that are **older than 15** years in service right now.
- Two bulk water carriers that are **30 years old** and one that is **23 years old**.
- Six Heavy Urban Pumpers that are **21 years old**.
- Five Heavy Urban Pumpers that are **19 years old**.
- Our new recruits train on trucks that are **26 years old**.
- Many of our oldest trucks are in regional centres.

THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SPARES...

- SAMFS do not have enough spare fire trucks to cover break downs, repairs and maintenance.
- It is not uncommon to have only one or no spares available, this does not meet government demands.
- Our spare Trucks quality and at times safety is very poor and often they are our oldest trucks.
- This results in a delayed response and reduced coverage in areas.

LACK OF BUSHFIRE PROTECTION...

- MFS Responded multiple trucks and crews to highly volatile bushfire zones (both Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island fires in 2019/2020).
- A number of appliances did not and still do not have burn over protection systems (BOPS) leading into the 2020/2021 bushfire season.
- Slow retrofit of BOPS to current trucks and unknown ongoing funding.



What we need

A TRANSPARENT REPLACEMENT PLAN...

- Significant investment required to modernise and or replace our aging fleet (as identified by the 2020 KEELTY REVIEW point 6.8.1).
- A clear and agreed fleet management/asset replacement plan.
- Ongoing long-term financial commitment via capital investment by the government linked to asset management plan.
- Regional Investment.

SPARE TRUCKS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE...

- Increased pool of operational "ready to respond" spare trucks to cover break downs, repairs and maintenance.
- Spare trucks that do not compromise response times or require crews to "just make it work".
- Spare trucks that are "fit for purpose".

BUSHFIRE PROTECTION TO KEEP OUR CREWS SAFE...

- Increase rate and progress of retro fitting burn over protection systems.
- Guarantee of on-going burn over protection retro fitting funding and future truck builds.
- Recognition of critical role and positive impact SAMFS trucks can have during bushfires events.

**Marshall Doesn't
Give A Truck!**

