



**QUEENSLAND FIRE AND RESCUE -
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Representation of members

On Tuesday 25 November 2008 the SOU Executive met with the Deputy Commissioner to outline the SOU's position on the provision of representation for members of the SOU.

The SOU Executive outlined Rule 3.1 (Eligibility) of the "Rules of the Queensland Fire and Rescue – Senior Officers Union of Employees" and its scope for membership. The SOU Executive outlined the requirement of Chapter 12 "Industrial organisations", Part 10 "Membership" of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*. Section 532 "Obligation to admit" of this Act requires an industrial organisation to admit as members those persons who are eligible for membership and apply for such membership.

Without limiting the interests of other industrial organisations, the SOU Executive also advised the Deputy Commissioner that members of the SOU expect their duly elected office bearers to represent their industrial interests. Accordingly, all industrial issues that may impact upon individual members, groups of members or the entire membership of the SOU will require consultation and negotiation (in accordance with accepted industrial arrangements) with the appropriate elected representative(s) of the SOU.

As always, the SOU is keen to receive membership applications from those officers who are eligible to apply.

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