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**CONGRATULATIONS UFUA TASMANIA!  
THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN STATE  
TO PASS OCCUPATIONAL CANCER  
LEGISLATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS**

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The Tasmanian Parliament today passed presumptive legislation recognising occupational cancer for firefighters and in doing so is the first Australian State to protect its firefighters.

The Bill is modelled on the Federal "Fair Protection for Firefighters" legislation in that it provides a presumption for the same 12 occupational cancers with the same qualifying periods for career firefighters.

The Tasmania Government has developed a new template to include volunteer firefighters. The presumption applies to volunteer firefighters with the same qualifying periods provided the volunteer can also demonstrate having attended 150 incidents within any 5-year period for brain cancer and leukemia, and within any 10-year period for the remaining 10 listed cancers.

The UFUA Tasmania Branch is congratulated on this significant success that has resulted after months of work.

We also congratulate Minister O'Byrne who championed the Bill through the Parliamentary process.

As a result Tasmania firefighters now join their ACT and Aviation comrades in having this protection which will enable them to access medical assistance and entitlements when diagnosed with one of the listed cancers.

The UFUA is actively campaigning to replicate the federal legislation in all other states and hopes the success in Tasmania will flow through the other states shortly. Western Australia and South Australia currently have legislation modelled on the Federal legislation making its way through the political processes.

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*Authorised by National Secretary Peter Marshall*