IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION

Title of Matter: Application by Metropolitan Fire & Emergency Services Board

Section: s.225 - Application for termination of an enterprise agreement after its nominal expiry date

Subject: Application for termination of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, United Firefighters Union of Australia, Assistant Chief Fire Officers Agreement 2010 & Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, United Firefighters Union of Australia, Operational Staff Agreement 2010

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FURTHER WITNESS STATEMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER DAVID ALLAN BRUCE

I, DAVID ALLAN BRUCE, of 456 Albert Street, East Melbourne, in the State of Victoria say as follows:

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Hose bowling is just one step in a firefighter's life when addressing an emergency. In my mind, it's straightforward. Someone came up with a technique of bowling hose that was better for your back and made the job easier. The issue was about safety. It should have been implemented without the need to go through the consultative process. It is time consuming to draft reports and sit at monthly meetings for such a minor change that is recognised to have clear benefits.