

I am a deputy captain in the North Shore RFS Port Macquarie.

I have been fighting fires for 20 years and have about had enough. The service has become very hard to stay active in due to a top heavy management and increased training requirements.

As the climate changes and becomes more extreme how will the service cope? There is only one way and that is by paying the RFS, the cost of this I hate to think! Paying RFS fire fighters has already begun and will need to be ramped up to cover the vast majority of the service to cover the increased work load.

Climate change will add to the work load of stations like ours, don't expect that we can rise to the challenge without a major funding increase and full time firies.

Regards,

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