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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL MEMBERS

**FROM:** Mick Farrell – Branch Secretary

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**SUBJECT:** Morita Aerial Specialist Vehicle (ASV)

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All members would be well aware of the ongoing saga of the Morita ASV. Two years after the introduction of the Morita there are still (in our view) unacceptable safety concerns associated with the operational effectiveness of this vehicle yet to be properly addressed.

At our most recent BCOM meeting this agenda item was again discussed at length which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:

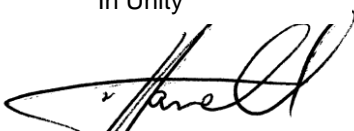
*That the Branch Secretary advise the ARFF that, until the outstanding concerns associated with the Morita ASV are addressed to the satisfaction of the UFU of A, no UFU member other than those stationed at Melbourne ARFF will staff this vehicle.*

*Melbourne members will continue to participate in the development of the Morita to assist in reaching that position".*

We have informed the ARFF of this situation. On debating this resolution the BCOM were mindful that the ARFF has decided that the Morita is to be the vehicle of choice as an ASV for all Category 10 Stations. As a consequence, because the Morita still has outstanding safety issues, the BCOM could not support the proposition that members at other Category 10 Stations would also have those concerns foisted upon them. At the same time the BCOM also wanted to ensure the evolution of the Morita continued for the benefit of all involved.

Members at Cat10 Stations please note the above resolution. All members will be kept informed of developments.

In Unity



Mick Farrell  
Branch Secretary