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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: Mick Farrell – Branch Secretary

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SUBJECT: Cleaning of Fire Stations

One of the duties that the ARFF are trying to introduce during current CA negotiations is the cleaning of Fire Stations. We have advised management that this is unacceptable because the membership has made their position very clear to the BCOM regarding this issue on numerous occasions. This situation has not changed.

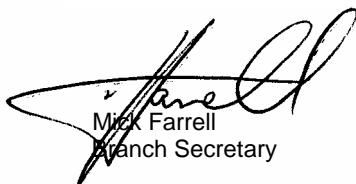
Members are again reminded that **ARFF staff 'do not carry out cleaner's duties'**; that is the professional cleaner's job.

It is fact that some members stationed on Hamilton Island signed a non union agreement contrary to the current CA to clean the sea containers which presently serve as the temporary Fire Station. That was their choice however, it is against union policy and we do not support that decision.

We have also been informed the ARFF is calling for members to temporarily fill vacant positions on Hamilton Island. We do not support that either. Nevertheless, any member considering taking up the offer should make it patently clear they do so with no intentions of carrying out the cleaner's duties.

The ARFF want cleaning to be included in the next Agreement but we are opposed to the proposition and any member who carries out cleaning of a Fire Station or travels to Hamilton Island and carries out the cleaning duties on the sea containers is undermining the union's position and, therefore, that of the general membership.

In Unity



Mick Farrell
Branch Secretary