

ESL Review Draft Report

Dear Sir or Madam,

The draft report is too complicated a document for me to absorb all aspects in my spare time. Most of its recommendations seem reasonable but I would like to comment on a couple of general aspects:

1. It seems a crazy way of funding a government service. I agree with the opinion in the draft review of Ron DeGruchy regarding the anomaly of funding these costs as a levy rather than from general state government coffers.
2. If the funding by the ESL is a fact of life and can't be changed, it should be managed by an independent body (as recommended) and not DFES
3. I support Model 1 for a rural fire service. Definitely not career firefighters based who are very expensive and associated buildings, plant, equipment overheads and administration would be a huge unnecessary expense and be inclined to be ever-increasing due to an empire building culture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Regards,