

PROPOSAL FOR NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO UNDERTAKE "STUDY TRAVEL"

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The relevant Remuneration Tribunal Determination (copied overleaf) provides Non-Executive Members with an entitlement to financial assistance for the purposes of study and investigations ("Study Travel").

Consistent with the requirements of the Determination, a Non-Executive Member proposing to utilise this entitlement is required to submit certain details of their proposal to the Speaker for approval. The Speaker has agreed that Non-Executive Members should complete the following details to address the requirements of the Determination.

Members should note that approval to utilise this entitlement cannot be sought retrospectively.

Mr Speaker

I am proposing to utilise my "study travel" entitlement and seek your approval accordingly. To enable you to consider my proposal, the following details are provided:

Brief Description of the Proposed Activity (including the purpose of the journey/activity and details of any conferences to be attended or training to be undertaken):

I will be attending the International Wildfire Management Conference Australia 2009 – Facing our Future – Incorporating the Australasian Education and Fire Awareness Conference.

Detailed itinerary (including dates and times) of the places to be visited/activity to be undertaken:

The Conference will be held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Drive, Darling Harbour, NSW 2000. The Conference commences at 1.30 pm on Thursday 18 June 2009 until 5.30 pm on Saturday 20 June 2009. See attached details.

Estimated Cost of Activity

(cost should include fares, travelling allowances, conference fees and other training expenses)

I will be driving to Sydney on the morning of 18 June 2009 and returning to Canberra on 21 June 2009. I will need to be reimbursed for the cost of the Conference Registration fee of \$995.00 plus hotel accommodation for 3 nights \$840.00 – a total of \$1835.

I have confirmed with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office that I have available/remaining of my "study travel" entitlement. **\$23,697**

I understand that, if the proposal is approved, I will submit to you, within eight weeks of completing the activity, a written report detailing the travel undertaken and expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for nominee accompanied travel), names and area of responsibility of persons contacted, a summary of business undertaken, and, in relation to any approved training undertaken, a report on that training.

B. Smyth

Member's Name

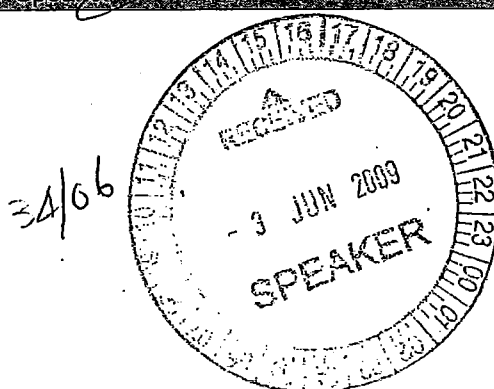
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Speaker

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STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Brendan Smyth MLA

Purpose of Visit: To attend the International Wildfire Management Conference Australia 2009

Places visited and date of visit: Sydney, 18 - 20 June 2009

Expenses incurred:

Registration:	995
Accommodation:	975
Total:	1,970

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:

The International Wildfire Management Conference is a regular international conference which provides an opportunity for experts in a range of fields associated with the prevention of, preparation for and response to bushfires to discuss issues of common interest. In particular, this Conference enables the latest and emerging developments in bushfire fire fighting techniques and technologies to be explained and demonstrated.

In addition to chief officers and senior executives from emergency service organisations operating throughout Australia, key speakers at this Conference included:

- Mr Roy Bishop, Deputy Commissioner, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (incorporating the London Fire Brigade);
- Professor Tim Flannery, Macquarie University, Sydney, international scientist and expert on climate change;
- Ms Naomi Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council;
- Superintendent Rod Collins, State Emergency Response Officer, Victoria; and
- Mr Craig Lapsley, Director, Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, Victoria.

Business undertaken:

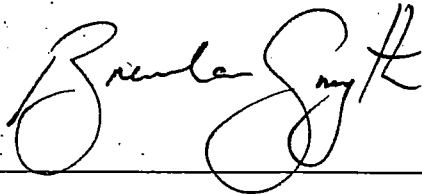
The Conference comprised a number of presentation sessions, at which key note speakers provided presentations. As well, there were three concurrent sessions offering more specific information and discussion opportunities on bushfire research and development, challenges facing emergency services managers and policy makers and programs and options to achieve safer communities.

This Conference also provided people with expertise in land management and the different facets of the environment to meet with those who have to deal with bushfires. In this respect, the conference provides a very productive meeting place at which ideas from different professional groups can exchange views and increase their understanding of the policies and activities of other interested organisations.

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

My attendance at this international Conference provided me with a valuable opportunity to meet with experts from around the world in bushfire prevention and responses. The fact that this Conference was held in Australia was invaluable, as it gathered experts in a wide range of fields.

Signed:



Date:

17 Sep 2009