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Dear Christie

### **SHIRE OF KENT BUSH FIRE BRIGADES (BFB) LOCAL LAW 2024**

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 August 2024 to the Minister for Emergency Services which has been referred to DFES for review and direct comment.

DFES has considered the Shire's Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of 24 July 2024 and notes the Shire has:

- considered the model law developed by the Western Australian Local Government Association;
- elected to adopt the BFB Local Law adopted by the Shire of Pingelly and approved by the Joint Standing Committee of Delegated Legislation; and
- adopted the recommendations I made in my letter of 4 September 2023 in relation to junior members.

DFES has reviewed the draft 2024 local law and makes the following further comments:

- the Shire may wish to consider use of the word "they" in lieu of "he or she" throughout the local law (for example, clauses 1.3 "Brigade Officer"; clause 4.3(2); clause 5.2(3); clause 7.5(1)).

Yours sincerely

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