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Media Release – Last supports support for heroes

Shadow Minister for Fire & Emergency Services has called on the community to rally behind Queensland's SES members as part of 'Heroes 4 Heroes' day and hopes the community's show of support will trigger the release of the long-awaited Darby review of the Queensland SES.

Mr Last said he knew that donations and the show of community support would be gratefully received by SES volunteers but that they also deserved respect from the state Labor government.

"Queenslanders throughout the state strongly support our SES volunteers and other volunteers that come to our aid in our time of need," he said. "Those same Queenslanders that support those volunteers would be appalled to know that they are being kept in the dark by the government."

"It's two years since the review was completed and it is still gathering dust on the Minister's shelf. Here we are raising funds for the SES when the government paid for a review that, to date, is a waste of \$250,000."

Mr Last said volunteer groups, such as the SES, were an '*undeniable illustration of what people power can achieve*' and hoped that people power would also help the SES volunteers.

"I hope that the media and social media is awash with photos and stories of people showing their support for our SES volunteers," he said. "Not only would that be a huge confidence boost for the volunteers, but it would reinforce the message that Queenslanders want their government to do the right thing by those volunteers."

"Thanks to being in isolation, I won't be able to participate to the extent I would like. But my message to the community is simple; please show your support in any way you can whether that is by donating, getting dressed up or simply saying thanks to a volunteer."

"It is completely hypocritical of the state Labor government to call on SES volunteers to make sacrifices in our state when that very same government won't even give them the information that may make their jobs safer."

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