

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS  
*Joint Statement - CFS and CFSVA- 3 July 2014*

Minister Piccolo has commenced a series of meetings (“*roundtable discussions*”) with emergency services sector volunteers, staff and representative bodies.

A communique setting out the times and dates for roundtables has been published on the SAFECOM website at:

[http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/site/initiatives\\_reviews/sector\\_reform\\_2014.jsp](http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/site/initiatives_reviews/sector_reform_2014.jsp)

A Ministerial Media Release is also attached.

The first in the series of roundtables, held on 12 June 2014, was very productive resulting in some key guiding principles that will inform any future reform process. Hundreds of Invitations have been sent for the Adelaide Hill and Metro roundtables, as well as Gawler and Kangaroo Island. The rest of the invites will go out next week. These meetings form a significant part of the Minister’s commitment to make reforms to the sector in response to the Holloway review recommendations, released in 2013.

The meetings, known as “*roundtable discussions*” are being organised by the Minister’s Office, coordinated by SAFECOM. Minister Piccolo has issued an open invitation to emergency service personnel (*for the sector*) to attend with the express purpose of discussing ways to build upon the existing positive working relationships between the CFS, SES and MFS and the high level of services they deliver to the community.

During the roundtable discussions, the Minister seeks direct consultation with participants and offers an opportunity for any interested party to provide their views directly to him at [SAFECOM.SectorReview@sa.gov.au](mailto:SAFECOM.SectorReview@sa.gov.au).

The CFS and the CFS Volunteers Association (CFSVA) are not responsible for the organisation or conduct of these sessions, but strongly support active participation by our people. A schedule of these meetings is available on the SAFECOM Website:

[http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/site/initiatives\\_reviews/sector\\_reform\\_2014.jsp](http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/site/initiatives_reviews/sector_reform_2014.jsp)

Please note that neither the CFS Executive nor the CFSVA have formed an official position on the future model or structure of the emergency services at this time. This is a matter for discussion with the Government at the conclusion of the roundtable discussions and in negotiation with the representative bodies of the sector staff and volunteers. However, if you have strong views on what you believe should be considered in sector reform, it is recommended that you voice these early with the Minister’s Office using the email address above so that your views can be considered.

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