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Farmers' seek bushfire review

The NSW Farmers' Association's Executive Council has passed a motion calling for an immediate, independent and thorough inquiry into fire management in NSW.

NSW Farmers' Association Rural Affairs Committee Chair, Alan Brown says the call includes specific actions the inquiry should take.

"There have been many inquiries into this area, but frankly we're concerned that the outcomes from those have not been acted on, so we want a review of the implementation of recommendations from previous bushfire inquiries," Mr Brown said.

"We want a review of the structure, funding, operation, transparency and management of the Rural Fire Service," Mr Brown said.

"This should include looking at the use of local knowledge and control in fire events, compensation for injured fire fighters, appropriate equipment, election of group officers, Rural Fire Service staff involvement in fire fighting activities, and Rural Fire Service Association membership," Mr Brown said.

"There is great concern coming from our members that recent outcomes indicate the current systems for bushfire management are not working," Mr Brown said.

"The Executive Council has unanimously agreed that an inquiry taking these and other issues into account is sorely needed in the area of fighting fires in NSW," Mr Brown concluded.

The Executive Council is meeting in Sydney today and tomorrow.

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