



Tony Simpson MLA

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Volunteer emergency services miss out

Shadow Minister for Volunteering Tony Simpson MLA has criticised the Carpenter Government for once again ignoring the needs of Perth's outer suburbs.

He has accused the Government of not properly funding and supporting the volunteer emergency service groups that protect WA's communities.

"The Government has let us down yet again," said Mr Simpson.

"The outer suburban and Hills communities desperately need the services of volunteer SES and Bush Fire Brigade units.

"Yet badly needed facilities have not been upgraded or provided by a State Government that is drowning in money.

"Requests made for funding to upgrade the facilities of the Bush Fire Brigade Units in Mount Helena and Sawyers Valley were ignored.

"The BFB unit in Roleystone also missed out.

Mr Simpson has stated that he is disappointed that the Labor State Government is still not getting its priorities straight.

"The people that live in the Hills are highly exposed to the dangers of forest fires and storm damage," he said.

"And this is a Government awash in cash from the commodities boom.

"They have a surplus of more than \$2 Billion, yet they can't find a couple of million to upgrade the facilities used by the volunteers that protect our outer-suburban communities.

"The Carpenter Government needs to get its priorities straight and support the volunteers that support us."