



STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

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Aireys Inlet CFA Needs a New Home

Stuart Grimley is calling on the State Government to fund the building of the Aireys Inlet CFA Station.

Following a meeting between Mr Grimley's office and a CFA volunteer from the area in 2019 and the devastating bushfire season that followed, pressure has been mounting for the new station to be completed.

Land was purchased for the new site of Aireys Inlet CFA Station in August 2018 but so far no commitments have been made to fund the building of the shed.

In a Constituency Question to the Emergency Services Minister today, Mr Grimley asked if "if funding has been assigned to the build of the new station, when will this build begin and be completed?"

The current CFA station is no longer big enough to accommodate the brigade's appliances and equipment.

As recent as January of this year, fires have ravaged through the state, as close to Aireys Inlet as Gellibrand, Charleys Care and Carlisle River.

Once funding is received, Aireys Inlet CFA's new site on the Great Ocean Road will eventually replace the current site on Pearse Road.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"I am putting pressure on the Government to fund the shed for Aireys Inlet CFA so they can actually fit their appliances and equipment inside and be able to respond to fires more rapidly.

The Aireys Inlet CFA do an outstanding job in protecting the community; they respond to about 100 incidents each year.

We know with these things, it takes months to develop plans, to get permits and to actually build the shed so we need to secure funding as soon as possible before another horrible fire season begins."

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