

FOREST AND RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

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To Members of New Zealand Fire Service,
Mike Hall, Chief Executive/National Commander,
Owen Kinsella, Bay-Waikato Regional Commander,
Roy Breeze, Waikato Region Manager & Staff,
Derek Best, NZ Professional Fire Fighter Union,

It is with sadness that we hear of the tragic loss of one New Zealand's most respected and trusted members of society and the severe injuries to seven of his comrades.

The members of FRFANZ ask that their condolences be passed onto Derek's family, friends and work mates.

We also wish the seven injured fire-fighters strength and courage to a speedy recovery through these stressful times.

To all the Fire fighters around the Waikato and their families, you will not be far from our thoughts as we all struggle to come to terms with why this happened to our finest.

Doug Ashford
Chairman
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