

11 April 2006

Hon. Rick Barker
Minister of Internal Affairs
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Rick,

Please find attached a letter from the Union to the Chief Executive/National Commander of the Fire Service.

The particular reason for raising this issue with you is the prima facie breach of Section 24A(2)(a) of the Fire Service Act. The Fire Service Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

The Union does not see this as simply some technical breach of the Act.

The Union has a fundamental and strong objection to the appointment of a person without Fire Service rank to a Fire Region Manager position. The Union opposes this appointment strongly and will actively act to oppose it in all possible ways.

The Union therefore seeks your assistance to ensure that the law is complied with.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK BEST
SECRETARY