Aerial Firefighting Australia Conference
Watermark Hotel, Gold Coast, Australia
21st September 2009

0800 – 0900 Registration & Networking

0900 **Chairman's Opening Address –** *Euan Ferguson AFSM, Chairman of AFAC & Chief Officer, CFS Headquarters, South Australian Country Fire Service, Australia*

0910 **Welcome Address –** *Richard Alder, General Manager, National Aerial Firefighting Centre, Victoria, Australia*

0930 **Keynote Address –** *The Hon Robert McClelland MP, Attorney-General, Australia*

1000 **Overview of Asia Pacific Region** - tbc

1030 – 1100 Refreshment Break & Networking

1100 **Effectiveness & Efficiency of Aerial Firefighting in Australia –** *Matt Plucinski, Bushfire Dynamics & Applications, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, Australia*

1130 **Aerial Operations in New Zealand** – Mike Grant, Principal Rural Fire Officer, Southern Rural Fire Authority, New Zealand *****

1200 **Aerial Operations in Malaysia –** Fire & Rescue Department, Malaysia *

1230 – 1400 Buffet Lunch & Networking

1400 **Helicopter Operations in California –** *Anthony Marrone, Chief-Air Operations, Los Angeles County Fire Department, USA*

1430 **Night Vision Goggles in Helicopter Aerial Firefighting Operations & Aerial Firefighting Support – Standards & Regulations –** Yvette Lutze, Flying Operations Inspector, Civil Aviation Authority, Australia

1500 **Lease or Buy? –** *Mike Rotunda, Erickson Air-Crane, USA*

1530 – 1600 Refreshment Break & Networking

1600 Shane Fitzsimmonds, AFSM Commissioner, New South Wales Rural Fire Service, Australia*

1630 **"Debrief & Analysis Processes" –** *Nick Ryan, Manager- Aircraft Unit, Victoria, Australia*

1700 **Aircraft Ground Support** – Gary Morgan, CEO of Australian/New Zealand Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre, Australia *

1730 **Panel Session – Lessons Learned from the 2008/2009 Fire Season**

1800 **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

1805 Drinks Reception

* Invited speakers