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Disgruntled volunteer firefighters in the ACT say they will meet with the Commissioner Gregor Manson only if he agrees to delay plans to restructure the Emergency Services Agency (ESA).

Dozens of the ACT fire crews resigned on Thursday in protest against a planned overhaul that would see all firefighting bodies brought under the control of one deputy commissioner.

Pat Barling from the Volunteer Brigades Association says he doubts that Commissioner Manson would change his mind on the matter, given the ACT Government has already been advertising for jobs.

"We want a commitment saying that you're going to put on hold this new restructure and give us a chance as one of the stakeholders of the volunteers, to start negotiating what sort of structure he wants," he said.

"Give us the parameters, the constraints, what sort of thing he's trying to achieve, so we have a chance to actually come up with something."

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