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Department of the Legislative Council
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
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I wish that my submission is maintained in confidence & maintain my confidentiality.

I am a 40 member of CFA as a volunteer & 17 years as an employee of CFA

I wish to address the following term of reference with 2 points.

1. Impact of fire service delivery across Victoria.

As a CFA employee, I undertake the role of a fire safety officer, dealing with statutory matters under the Planning & Environment Act & the Victorian Building Regulations.

There seems to be some matters that are unclear on how this will function into the future if some of the current CFA regional areas transitions to FRV while the remainder of the country area of the state remain with CFA. It seems that the future may have some duplication with current MFB corporate staff moving to FRV & possibly CFA staff staying within CFA to address the CFA areas.

I submit that it may be a good future decision for both CFA & MFB staff to be brought together within FRV (or DOJ or other body) to continue to meet the States fire service delivery across the Sate.

Impact of fire service delivery across Victoria.

I am also an EMV Level 3 qualified Logistics Officer.

A second point under this term of reference that relates to fire service delivery, is that currently some CFA non-operational staff have skills & qualifications to support Incident Management Teams or perform other support roles during times of significant emergencies. If this was not to be continued irrespective of where staff may ultimately be positioned it will significantly impact on service delivery at major emergencies to support any of the emergency agencies (not just the fire services as these roles are multi agency).