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Subject: Fire service Reform Submission

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

My name is Michael Doyle and I am a Level 2 Firefighter with the CFA currently based at Point Cook Fire Station.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

- Since beginning my Career in the CFA 18 months ago, I have witnessed the strain, fatigue and damage my colleagues have suffered as a result of the current disputation. This in turn has affected my own career. I would like to be proud to call myself a firefighter, but I often don't tell people as there has been so much negativity aimed at us from certain Politicians and sectors of the Media. This is a real shame as the work we do was once highly regarded within the community. The miss information being spread by these politicians and the media is nothing short of disgraceful. This reform is long overdue and politics' need to be put aside.
- I believe as a firefighter for my safety and the safety of the communities we serve, it is critical that we have guaranteed backup. Guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes. This Guarantee will give us the confidence to perform our roles to the best of our ability. I have witnessed firsthand the uncertainty, confusion and delays that currently occur whilst attending emergency situations with the Fire services in the current format. I believe as a community we deserve better and can do better than this.
- As a taxpayer I believe that one Fire service for all Career Staff, combining resources is a far more efficient way to run a business.
- I have also been in situations when responding to emergencies where interoperability between CFA and MFB has been an issue as our equipment is not compatible and our operating systems are different. This reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment etc
- All Victorian, professional and volunteer firefighters, deserve modern fire services that meet the needs of our growing communities. This reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades etc

These reforms are absolutely necessary to modernise our fire service and to put the focus back onto getting on with the Job of protecting our communities. Please feel free to contact me for further discussion on these issues

Yours sincerely,

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