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Kirra Vanzetti Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services From: Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 Friday, 30 June 2017 2:45 PM Sent: **LCSC** To: Subject: New Submission to Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 Mr Brendan Edwards Firefighter **Country Fire Authority** SUBMISSION CONTENT: I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons: We will have a guaranteed response of two trucks with at least 7 Firefighters and they will be dispatched within 8 minutes which will mean better community safety and protection. All career Firefighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity. Our system is starting to fault as previous semi rural areas are now becoming highly urbanised which the current model cannot handle. The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment. The 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. File1: File2: