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Kirra Vanzetti Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services From: Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 Sunday, 2 July 2017 1:08 PM Sent: To: New Submission to Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation Subject: 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 Nicholas Callan Senior Station Officer CFA SUBMISSION CONTENT: As an operational serving officer with over 30 years experience as both staff and volunteer it is apparent to me that the current system needs an overhaul. The current model was developed in a time of vastly different demographics and has failed to keep abreast with our rapidly growing state. To me much of the argument has centred around potential loss of traditional roles and responsibilities rather enhanced service delivery. Service delivery standards are documented and provide clear evidence that we can do better. It seems clear that certain sections of the media have been happy to create a hysteria relating to emotion rather than the facts and this has become a distraction to the real issues. I have been continually told that CFA and its volunteers will be impacted and surge capacity compromised but it has not been adequately explained to me how or why this will occur. Change needs to embraced not feared so that the community is delivered a modern fire service which has the ability to respond with best practice. File1: File2: