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**Attention: dear Assistant Clerk Committees.**

I am Ronald Baxter McMillan MFB Reg. No: 7394  
 Employed by MFB Full time 27 years from 1990 on going  
 Location MFB Burnley Complex  
 Project Officer Property Services

**Qualifications:**

1953 to 1959 Australian Army CMF 5 Corp Engineers Sergeant Field Engineers  
 Given task and established a Light Aid Detachment to cover the Regiment's major road and bridge projects  
 1960 "A" Grade Automotive Engineers Certificate Certified number 1612.  
 1962 Completed RMIT Supervisor Course. 2 years at night school.  
 1965 Completed RMIT Management Certificate Course. Four years Night school.  
 2008 to date First Aid Officer for MFB Burnley Complex  
 2008 Completed TAFE NMIT Certificate IV in Training and Assessment course.  
 2010 Completed Certificate IV in Project Management course. Award No 124739.

**Employment history:**

Employed at SA Cheney from 1951 Truck Mechanic. Service Manager 1963 to 1968 Technical Sales Manager 1968 to 1973.  
 Employed Lucar 1973 to 1980 Production manager building Refrigerated semi-trailers.  
 Employed Grummets 1980 to 1990 as production manager building Truck Crew Cabins Fire Appliances for MFB and others.  
 Employed by MFB Full time from 1990 to date 27 years and continuing.

**Achievements:**

1960 to 1970 Designed modified (Installed Cummins V8 Diesel and Allison Transmissions) Bedford 4 X 4 chassis.  
 These First Responder Appliances Essendon Airport. Specification include off road sand mud capability climb hills 1 in 25 fast acceleration.  
 Personally designed MFB MK3 Fire Appliance Body and chassis components while at Grummets.  
 Also designed REM Ross Escape Module Test unit with Inventor Ross Connell. He has patents in Australia & USA  
 Tested at Tullamarine Airport under 3 trailer loads of dry pine branches / aviation fuelled fire. Circa 1992.  
 I was inside with three others for 30 minutes. Test results 1 degree change only.  
 Also REM test flown under helicopter and being developed as home shelter.

**Residency Rural majority of my life:**

Live in Rural areas. Lower Plenty from 1937 to 1958. Eltham 1958 to 1974. Hurstbridge 1974 to date.

Volunteered assisting CFA at many fires as volunteer after work and weekends in fighting fires 1948 to 1974. Not a CFA member.

### **Observations and examples of MFB CFA working together. Not criticism's:**

- a) At my home Hurstbridge when Hurstbridge CFA alarm sounds. (One kilometre from Fire Station)  
CFA Fire fighters number live northern area I hear them driving to Fire Station.  
Noted takes over 12 Minutes before Appliance come past my home to incidents in northern area.
- b) At my work MFB Burnley. CFA fire fighters being trained in rescue techniques by MFB Technical Rescue.
- c) At my work MFB Burnley CFA Fire fighters being trained in EMR by Monash University staff.  
Advised over 400 CFA have qualified in EMR in last two years and training being expanded.

### **Endorse fully legislation to create Fire Rescue Victoria and changes to CFA to be all volunteers**

Endorse Metropolitan boundary review and relocation to cover metropolitan area's also the proposed on going four yearly boundary review process.

Primary reason metropolitan expansion has created densely populated areas.

Including commercial high rise buildings expanding Melbourne metro area's way into rural areas. These densely populated areas require full time Fire Fighters with facilities equipment and appliances on call 24 / 7 with response capability of 7 to 8 minutes.

Metropolitan area critical to have available at least two Appliances that can be despatched within 8 minutes.

Also suitable appliances for incident type required. Example Fire Appliance / Tankers. Aerial. Rescue. HAZMAT etc.

Must also suit incident type and size. This can only be done by Metropolitan Fire Stations fully manned 24 / 7.

CFA need to be protecting the rural areas again with suitable equipment and Facilities to protect the community.

This is best done by the volunteers.

### **Recommendation to improve CFA response times**

Refer to item a) above in Observations as example of time delay in emergency response of 12 minutes

Suggestion to enable faster, emergency response times for CFA especially for EMR.

To have special Motor Bikes off road / on road type supplied to CFA.

To be equipped with full emergency services radio.

Fitted with Pannier:

- a) Right side with full first aid kit for fracture bleed out and AED defibrillator units.
- b) Left side with Fire Fighting equipment to include breaching tools to enable access to gates houses vehicles etc.

To be deployed to local CFA Fire Station manned by on call trained officers each shift.

CFA Officer to have full use of Motor bike when on shift at home or work to enable immediate emergency response from their present locations.

Also perform incidents management to call up suitable support mobile units: Police SES Ambulance, Fire Appliances Arial HAZMAT Rescue etc.  
Response times with this system could be as low as 7 minutes.  
Note EMR response time of under 8 minutes critical to maintain life till Ambulance arrives

Note presently CFA Fire Fighters respond by going to Fire Station to man appliances.  
Only leave Fire Station when all crew members arrive. Response times can be over 18 minutes.

Yours Sincerely  
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