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From: Noel Thatcher

Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 2:29 PM

To: LCSC

Subject: select committee fire sevices

Hi my name is Noel Anderson THATCHER of two year plus volunteer member of CFA . It is my view that if the proposed changes take place that Victorians would be placed in greater danger . The model we have now works really well as was shown just recently with the LPG tanker incident at Tyabb , it is cost efficient and effective .Should the proposed changes come in the costs would sky rocket for a less effective service as the UFU has made it quite clear that they do not want anything to do with volunteers so we would lose a very large number of the volunteers that are now attached to the integrated brigades that make up the surge capacity for major campaign fires . The career fire fighters will only be protecting their assigned boundaries so their extra numbers will mean nothing towards the people at the coal face . Over the years I have been in the service I have seen it grow into a very effective and friendly unit that gives Victorians a very cost effective efficient service so I ask that you carefully consider the facts and do not destroy a proven authority for the sake of a political whim.

respectfully Noel A. Thatcher.



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