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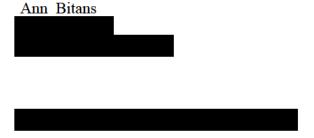|	
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I submit my opposition to the Andrews Government's Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

We are fortunate to have the CFA, a professional firefighting service that can be called on in times of need, to protect Victorian lives and property. CFA volunteers are community members who are motivated by goodwill and looking out for their neighbours, rather than a paycheck or power within a union.

Once the CFA is destroyed, Victoria will never have again a firefighting service such as we presently have working for us.

The decimation of the CFA will put Victoria at great risk from future bushfires.

It will also fracture communities as the CFA offers and provides social cohesion.

Victorian taxpayers will be forced to pay more taxes to fund a firefighting service that right now is made up of professional firefighting volunteers.

The loss of local knowledge that CFA volunteers have will hinder future firefighting. For example, local geography and knowing which way the fire will head when the wind is in a particular direction or where to drive a firetruck in a paddock to avoid rocks.

It is very sad and disappointing that CFA volunteers have been shown such disrespect and ignorance by the Andrews Government. It is a slap in the face to every volunteer in our State.

It is also disgraceful that the Andrews Government has tied Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation to the Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform). The two issues are separate and should not be dependent on the other.

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