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Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002.

Dear committee,

This is "me" within the CFA as a volunteer. F.I.D. No 2821834 : Member since 1974
Captain for 12yrs (38-50yrs) Secretary for 16yrs
Brigade VFBV rep 20yrs + Foundation Captain/member of
Rapid Response Strike Team 2306 (High country fires
2006/7) Represented CFA on Future Land Use Steering
Committee - Government appointment (Decommission Lake Macdonald)
Represented CFA on Wetlands Ctee (After decom L.K.)
- Government appointment.

(a) Surge capacity will NOT be as good. Ability to move equipment + personal around the state. eg Ash Wed, 2003, 2006/7, Black Sat.

(b) Volunteers will leave. Vols left when min skills were introduced. Vols my age (59) have a sense of history + tradition and will leave, taking decades of knowledge with them. I will leave.

(c) This is truly unknown. Another ctee setup in two years to oversee. No information to hand. The Government has lost my trust here, again. \$\$\$ Up, Up

(d) No "sane" reason can be found. After each fire captains and Groups of brigades have a "debrief". At NO time as captain did I hear a recommendation or read after any inquiry the need to separate. Not even at Mt Beauty after Alpine fires of 2003 held on 7/4/2003 OR at the Inquiry into the impact of public land management practices on bushfires in Victoria held in Mansfield on 26/11/2007

General:

Big lack of consultation

- As my brigades VFBV rep. I have had NO consultation/opportunity to meet with Minister/Chief Officer in ANY volunteer forum, NONE.

I would love to speak at this Select C'tee. Happy to travel anywhere anytime to do so.

Yours faithfully

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