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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Upper House Select Committee reviewing the proposed legislation, "The Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Service Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017".

As a volunteer with the CFA, as a resident of rural Victoria, as a concerned citizen of this great State of Victoria, I implore the Government to properly consult with all stakeholders that will be affected by the passing of the proposed Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 before it is too late to undo the dismantling of our vital, efficient, world standard firefighting service that is the CFA.

The current CFA structure has proved successful fire season after fire season. Why change a service/organisation that is considered among the best in the world? Our State needs the surge capacity provided by the volunteer CFA members that are fully trained and available, at very short notice, to provide the skilled firefighting capabilities without being permanently on a payroll that our State simply cannot afford to pay.

Control of the CFA in terms of resourcing, training, communication and participation must be maintained under the existing model to guarantee the safety of all Victorians, guarantee the lives of all Victorians and guarantee that as many of our homes as possible do not burn to the ground in the 2017/18 fire season and all future fire seasons.

Please pass the presumptive rights to compensation as a separate bill to equalise both paid and volunteer firefighters in relation to cancer diagnosis. This should never have been attached to the Bill to dismantle the CFA.

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