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Subject Fire Service Reform

## Dear Members of the Select Committee

I am a Leading Firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and have been for almost 34 years. I have seen and achieved a lot over those year and in my opinion the idea of one fire service makes a lot of sense, financially and practically.

Volunteers will always be needed in areas where it is not practical to put permanent firefighters, but as cities grow, so should the emergency services protection (eg Police, Fire, Ambulance).

All Victorians pay a fire service levy and should have the same fire protection where practical. Victoria should move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and focus on the safety and protection of the community and stop the turf wars!

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully Leading Firefighter Ivan Haynes