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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

**INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017**

1. I am Senior station officer Phillip Rumney and have worked for the MFB for 34 years.

2. I live in Hurstbridge (3099) and work at Thomastown .

3. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

- As a fire-fighter it is imperative to ensure that the people sent to a call are qualified to complete the required tasks so that all fire-fighters can work in a safe environment.
- Response times are crucial for Community safety and containing fires to their room of origin
- Larger Communities on the urban fringe deserve a professionally staffed fire station to cater for increased callouts due to higher density residential areas.
- The reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas – there will be no effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response
- This reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment
- Having all career fire-fighting staff under the one banner will improve moral with professional staff and standardised the service the community's receive
- The current environment has damaged fire-fighter moral at station level and has had a negative impact on many families
- The reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Rumney

