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Subject INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS'
PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS AND FIRE
SERVICES LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017
1.

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017 1.

I am

- Station Officer
- Employed by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board
- Service 36 years
- Qualifications
 - Station Officer 27 years
 - USAR Technician
 - Heavy Rescue
 - Teleboom Operator
 - Water Tanker Operator

I live in Lancefield Victoria and work in Operational Training VEMTC Craigieburn.

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

- It will give locations that have higher population in living and work, a response that improves the communities safety and protection and as population expands within Victoria and becomes urbanised these communities should be provided with the same service
- As a Station Officer in charge of an appliance that responds to fires or incidents the importance of having the guarantee of a minimum 2 trucks and 7 firefighters on the fire ground within a certain response time.
- At this level to deliver a service to the community at same time protecting the firefighter and allowing the crew to carry out their work and to minimise the risk to themselves and the community.
- Quicker response times are needed highly urbanised communities
- During my career I have seen many changes, with this proposed reform will assist with standardisation of career training, specialist response, response standards, equipment, PPC and PPE
- 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
- That the reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas – no effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response
- Over my career I have worked at MFB fire stations that bordered CFA volunteer fire stations in high populated areas and was not guaranteed their attendance or sufficient crews to perform

the work

- During the last 3 years working at VEMTC I have seen the differences between CFA and MFB recruit training these differences also are on the fire ground, do we need this in 2017

I ask this question why do we have 2 separately managed career fire services independently run in 2017

Do we have 2 Police services and 2 Ambulance services in Victoria?

Career emergency services in Victoria do require a volunteer services to support them, as they need a career emergency service to support them

I live in area where there is volunteer fire service and they do fantastic service for the population and risks for the area.

I support this reform and is time to move forward and provide a service for the future to the people of Victoria

Please note: This email is confidential, only that my name and identity be kept confidential and the actual submission can be considered by the Committee

Yours sincerely,

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