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To Consultation/DTF@DTF
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Subject Fire Services Review

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a professional CFA firefighter for 1 year with the CFA. I am currently based at Caroline Springs fire station.

I write to express my support for the proposed fire services reform.

Living in the Melbourne CBD, I have a strong awareness of how critical it is to ensure 7 career firefighters, all trained professionally with constant skills maintenance, to arrive at a incident. I live in and have worked in buildings with hazards where only highly trained proficient firefighters could efficiently and effectively manage certain emergency situations, and working/living on the top floor of these buildings, i feel a lot safer knowing its in an MFB area where the "minimum 7 on a fairground" already takes place.

Some other points i'd like to express are:

- Victoria's fire services boundaries have not changed significantly in 60 years. Under this outdated system, 35 areas are wrongly zoned as 'country', despite being heavily urbanised and residential. Frankston, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Craigieburn, Melton, Springvale, Boronia and Geelong are just some of the 35 'country areas'.
- These areas need to be modernised as they are highly urbanised areas as part of the reform of the fire service. A rapid 8 minute response, with 7 professional career firefighters on two fire trucks is the minimum standard needed in highly urbanised areas.
- All Victorian, professional and volunteer firefighters, deserve modern fire services that meet the needs of our growing communities.

To ensure the safety of all Victorians - including me as a firefighter, I ask you to please seriously consider your support for the proposed fire services reform.

Reform of our fire services will ensure the safety of your constituents, and all communities in our growing state. Additionally, it will ensure the safety of our firefighters and stop the ever increasing and unrealistic demand being placed on volunteer firefighters because of the enormous urban growth resulting in increased emergency calls.

I also respectfully submit that you give consideration to my request to modernise the fire service along with the introduction of presumptive legislation laws to protect fire service employees. Both are needed to be endorsed and implemented by Parliament before the commencement of the fire season. This is important to me and my colleagues.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this. I would also like my name and identity to remain anonymous and confidential.

Kind regards

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Caroline Springs Fire Station

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