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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

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

My name is Ben Todd and I am a level three fire fighter at Geelong City fire Brigade . I have been employed now since 2014 by the Country Fire Authority. During this time I have gained skills and qualifications in our 42 meter bronto platform truck and our road rescue truck. I live just outside the Geelong area in Armstrong Creek.

I come from a volunteer back ground and am proud to say my father is a volunteer of over 30 years in North East Victoria as his father (my Grandfather)was aswell. As this topic and discussion of a reform to the fire service has risen, myself, colleges and inner community could not agree more that changes need to be made to the fire service of Victoria . The way the communities are based and the way we look out for each other has changed . Meaning many of our great community cannot afford the time to volunteer or if they do struggle to turn out in the required time or if at all.

On countless occasions in the Geelong outer area where we support the volunteers with our secondary pumper many of the brigades both urban and rural have delayed turn outs, or do not respond at all so another brigade further away has to be responded which untimely puts the public at risk. In the area I live in I want myself and my loved ones to have the best response by emergency services that can be delivered. Whether this is done by volunteers or employed fire fighters it does not matter as long as the community is as safe as it can be. Thank you for your time.

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