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 Subject Fire Services Legislation Amendment
 (Reform) Bill

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

I am, Station Officer ██████████ of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services, I have been employed for 14years.

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I request my name and identity remain

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

The Metropolitan Fire District has increased expediently over the past 40 years with the ever expanding population growth and housing, and in areas, the fire coverage support has not increased with this expansion, and it is vital we are able to provide at least 7 firefighters responding within 8 minutes of an emergency call being received, people I know, in new estates in Keysborough, expect this to happen, this why they pay a Fire services levy, and expect 24 hour protection, with currently they don't receive, with the 2 closet fully manned stations being over 8 min response time away.

The reform of having one fire service will benefit the community as all professional firefighters will have standardised training, equipment, communications and resources, allowing for even better management at Emergencies as all equipment will be standard, as now we use different equipment and set ups when working with the CFA at emergencies.

Volunteers are still a vital component of the Emergency Services, and should be able to continue with the 35 integrated stations, that are impacted by the reforms, by continuing their roles with operational Firefighters.

The past 24 months of disputation has had a dramatic effect on the morale of firefighters in our workplace, the constant put downs and headlines in all forms of electronic media, has made for a difficult time, when all we want to do, is our job, and protect the community, the public used to hold us in high regard, however the constant attacks from the media and some parts of Government has managed to erode that regard, and I think one way of improving this would be for all sides to work together to implement Fire Rescue Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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