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To whom it may concern

Regards, Bryan.



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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 Bryan Goss and I am a Leading Firefighter with the Country Fire Authority. I have been employed as a professional firefighter for the past seven years. I have several specialist qualifications including Steep and High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue and Trench Rescue, along with Monitor Hazardous Atmospheres. I am a Certificate IV Trainer and Assessor also. As a Leading Firefighter I am also a qualified crew leader at both wildfire and structure incidents.

I live in Mildura and am currently stationed at the Mildura Fire Station. Outside of work I am heavily involved with my children's sporting endeavours and have volunteered in numerous roles over the past nine years such as coaching and team managing of basketball teams. I have now and in the past performed the role of runner, score board attendant and umpire of junior football matches and perform general setting and packing up of equipment at our home venue.

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

- For the guaranteed backup of a two appliance response with a minimum of seven firefighters within eight minutes. This is critical so that the safety of all on the incident ground is not compromised and so that operations can be performed to maximum effect in a minimum amount of time.
- That response and my role as a firefighter would only better enhance the protection and safety for the community that I serve.
- The reform areas that are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas will not have any effect to other volunteer brigades; in fact it will only strengthen our support capabilities to neighbouring brigades.

- The growth of the urban sprawl in and around these 35 integrated stations has been significant and needs to be addressed to provide the community with the best service possible.
- The emotional and physical toll that has been forced upon myself and fellow firefighters through this dispute has been nothing short of horrendous, not only in the workplace but it has also made its way into our homes.
- The volunteers will benefit greatly with the promised budget to assist with the recruitment and retention of volunteers across the CFA, which includes funding for station upgrades into the future.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Bryan Goss.

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