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To Consultation/DTF@DTF  
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 Subject Fire service reform

Dear assistant Clerk Committees

My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a professional MFB firefighter with Metropolitan fire & emergency services board employee for 29 years. I am currently based at Preston fire station.

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

- 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 Under this outdated system, 35 areas are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'.

I also have family members living in Yarrambat, Mernda, Dooreen, & Epping all of which are also heavily urbanised and residential and would benefit greatly with improved fire coverage

- All 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.

I would also like my name and identity be kept confidential but have my submission considered by the committee.

Kind regards

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