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Subject Re-The Fire Service Reform Select
Committee- Victorian Parliament

IN CONFIDENCE

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you regarding the legislation seeking to amalgamate the CFA and MFB Fire Services into one body, called Fire Rescue Victoria, and to state that I support the legislation and strongly urge you, the committee, to do the same.

My name is Chris Harrop and I am a Leading Firefighter with the MFB, having been employed by the MFB for some 30 Years. In that time I have seen the Metropolitan Fire District (the area serviced by the MFB), undergo significant change, with population increases, urban density and structural demographic changes at the forefront, precipitating the need to consider changes to the fire services in Victoria.

People residing within the Metropolitan Fire District can expect a Full-Time Service to respond to any emergency or call for assistance that might make it within 7.7 minutes of their call, and such a response will guarantee that a minimum of 7 fully trained Firefighters will attend the call. As the urban landscape has changed that once might have been considered to be rural or semi-rural areas (such as Werribee, Caroline Springs) are now sprawling metropolises, where houses are no longer geographically isolated as they once were, and the density and population development demand a full-time response from a fire service.

Yours Sincerely

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