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Dear Assistant Clerk Of Committees

My Name is Wayne Davis I am a leading firefighter with the MFB with 35 years of service working in various fire districts of Melbourne, currently holding various qualifications which include road rescue emergency medical response and for the past 2 years have been spent in recruit firefighting training. My place of residence is Maidstone which is protected with MFB fire response, in my opinion there needs to be one fire service for Victoria my reasons being are Currently staffed CFA stations are waiting for back up at fire and emergency calls placing the crews under duress which leads to issues such as stress OH&S matters and more importantly residents and public getting reduced coverage for premiums that they are paying, currently there are 35 stations in the CFA which have staff and volunteers working together one fire service will not impact this arrangement or will bushfire response be affected in urban areas. Due to the expansion of Melbourne which is causing rural areas to expand one fire service needs to be created which would have a more structured control of matters mentioned above. In my opinion volunteers will not be affected by one fire service making one fire service an improved service for Victoria and a service that can be a more structured organisation now being the best time to address this important matter.

Regards Wayne.

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