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Subject Shades Of Gallipoli. Fire Services Review 2017.

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Dear Members of the Select Committee,

My name is Jack Clarke and I've been a member of the MFB for 29 years tomorrow. I'm a Station Officer in the Western suburbs currently stationed at Newport Fire Station.

I've always worked in operations at some of the busiest stations out West and, lately, also to the North. In short, I'm on the front line.

By now you would have received numerous submissions from fellow fire-fighters from both the MFB and CFA. You would have heard of better response times and better outcomes for suburbs on the growing periphery of Melbourne and how the current system at the moment is out-dated. I totally concur with that. You may also wonder why I've mentioned Gallipoli in the heading?

One reason is to get your attention to this submission without repeating information you may already have. The other is to highlight a parallel with our diggers at Gallipoli.

As any Australian would know the Gallipoli campaign was a poorly planned debacle run by officers not in touch with reality in the trenches. The diggers at the time would have felt rightly frustrated given they had next to no voice on the front line. In some small way the diggers' concerns were relayed to the British high command and our own Prime Minister by Mr Murdoch through the written word.

Here we are 100 years later, diggers in the trenches with DIRECT access to you, giving you information on the front line! Mr Murdoch was ONE man and look at the weight his letters were given!

I ask you to please give weight to these submissions.

I can be reached on the above number if any of you want a chat at all about this proposed legislation.

Regards, Jack Clarke

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