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**From:** Nic May [REDACTED]  
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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 Nic May

I am a level 2 career firefighter with the Country Fire Authority, currently working in district 8 (south eastern suburbs). I have been employed with the CFA for nearing 18 months.

I live in Croydon and currently working at Mornington fire station.

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

I live in a suburb that is lucky enough to have staff with a guaranteed 90 second response yet my parents who live in Montrose 5 minutes up the road pay a fire service levy yet rely on a volunteer response. It is no longer a rural area with more and more development happening why are we not securing these highly urbanised areas with the safety the community deserve?

The other side of the coin is that I work in Mornington that have a staff station for the same guaranteed response of 90 seconds, but we are only allowed to go 2.5km either way from the station due to volunteer captains not wanting us in "their patch" to support them. Do the community not deserve the best possible response to guarantee their wellbeing regardless of who comes to the job, the community deserve the quickest and best response possible.

If you live in Mornington and have a heart attack as long as you are within the 2.5km boundary we are bound by you will get a guaranteed response but if you live just the other side of the road of the boarder only 4 minutes from our station in very expensive suburb of Mount Martha who pay a fire service levy, you will only get an ambulance if they are not already at a job. How is this the best outcome for the community especially in this area where it is an aging population?

A job happened in the early hours of this morning 4:00am 29/06/17 in Rye. B shift were responded to a house fire in RYE just **TWO STREETS from the Rye volunteer fire station** the volunteers initially failed to respond, then when they did respond the had three people whom only 1 person was trained in wearing breathing apparatus to go into a house. How is the that best practice for the community if someone was to be trapped inside they would not be allowed to enter the building as you are required to be in a team of two. This is no fault of the volunteers, that's exactly what they do they respond when they can around there life, work and family commitments.

Yours sincerely,

Nic May  
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