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To Whom it may concern,

Even though I am fairly new to the role, I am writing this in support of the proposed reform as it has huge benefits to the community in which I am serving. I feel it is very important to preserve the CFA but it has become glaringly obvious that there are many shortfalls in the current system.

The key to an effective fire service is having staff who are always ready to provide better community safety and protection. This means having at least two guaranteed appliances at incidents. Having this guaranteed backup appears to be the biggest problems. This could be due to not having the numbers turn out or maybe the time taken to arrive at an incident. Having more professional support would relieve this.

Integrated Stations were originally put in place as the communities outgrew the purely volunteer brigades and now these suburbs have boomed to a stage where these communities now require a more professional approach to community safety and protection.

A good way to look at the whole system is - would Mr and Mrs Citizen like a guaranteed 90 second, two appliance turnout to a structure fire or a motor vehicle accident they are involved in, or would they prefer a possible 4 minute turnout if there is available people to turn out. I'm sure we all know the answer.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Gosling

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