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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

I am [REDACTED] and would like to put forward my thoughts and views.

I live in Romsey and Currently working in Seymour, I'm also Currently volunteering with CFA (Romsey Station). I have been a volunteer with cfa for 20 years serving time at two different station being Diggers Rest and Romsey, I have held ranks such as Captain (8year), Lieutenant (6 years), Training officer, Volunteer PAD Instructor and Fire Fighter.

Throughout this time I have worked on Qualifications and gained my Certificate III in public safety (Fire-Fighting & Operations).

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

Reasons why as a fire-fighter that it is important to have guaranteed backup - guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 fire-fighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes.

Better response means for better community safety and protection and that the fire fighters responding have the knowledge and experience to better combat and effectively carry out the fire fight or incidents they are attending.

With combining all career fire-fighters into one fire service I believe this will not affect volunteer's turning out or surge capacity due to a number of reasons:

That volunteer support will be maintained with operational firefighters (OO's OMs etc being employed by FRV but continuing their roles through an arrangement with CFA)

That the reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas – no effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response

The 35 areas are now highly urbanised – high residential and other risks there for requiring a higher level of response to cater for the amount of response in these areas.

The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment and review the current boundaries for fire services etc

Why it is better to have all career staff being employed by one fire service

The damage the disputation in the community let alone the relationship between volunteer and career staff has had major impacts not only to these relationships but has

caused stress within family life.

The reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades etc

Yours sincerely,

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