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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

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

1. I am Brad Bristowe, a FireFighter Level 2 with the MFB. I have been employed by the MFB for 18 months. I was recently awarded a Chief Officer's Commendation for my role in the response to the Bourke St Incident in January 2017.

2. I live in South Kingsville and work in West Melbourne.

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

a. Having attended a number of structure fires in built up areas, I have seen how important it is to have guaranteed backup when conducting an internal attack. Even from my limited experience I have seen that it is critical to have two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched to all fires within 8 minutes. This provides more manpower to fulfil critical roles when fighting the fire, providing back up safety crews for rescues and also provide first aid to any community members or firefighters injured.

b. My family all live within the Greater Melbourne and Geelong areas, and I want them to have the same Fire Services response outside the current MFD as we currently provide within the MFD. The areas that they live in have changed over recent years from semi-rural to much more urban areas, and this requires a different set of skills and a faster response, particularly with the use of some of the more modern construction materials, where fires spread faster and burn hotter - making a faster response is more critical

than ever before.

c. As Melbourne's urban areas grow our fire services must continue to grow and adapt so that we provide all Victorians with a suitable response.

d. Faster response times to fires and other incidents means that we can arrive on scene before the fire can really take hold, which gives us a chance to rescue anyone trapped or disabled within the building before they are injured or killed. This will also allow us to contain or extinguish the fire faster, reducing damage to the property and reducing the risk to adjoining properties.

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