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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 Jonathon Lui, I am a Level 3 Fire fighter at Ballarat City fire Station, I have been in the service for 3 years.

I live in Torquay and work in Ballarat.

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

I have been fortunate enough to have worked most of my career at a major station (Bendigo and Ballarat City) where there has always been at least 7 on the fire ground despatched within 8 minutes however there was a time where I worked at Point Cook as a 3 up station where we had to wait for Hoppers Crossing for backup most of the time as there was never a guarantee if any volunteers would turn up, particularly late at night or during work hours which is why the reform which guarantees that two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes is a good thing.

This response means far better community safety and protection as there will be a safe number of fire fighters on scene to commence a safe fire fight.

Employing more career fire fighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity and can only be a positive thing for the community, as there will be more fire fighters on hand to respond to calls within 90 seconds.

This won't affect the way the volunteers are currently operating as they will still operate as in their own areas and turn out as per usual, it will also not effect volunteers currently as integrated stations as they will coexist with the career staff and training will continue as normal.

The damage the disputation in the workplace has placed additional strain in my home life and has affected my family, to a point where it has caused damage to my marriage to the point where I am now currently separated.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathon Lui



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