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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

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

Dear Sir Madam

I am

- • Leading Fire fighter Michael Moore
- • MFB Fire fighter since 1984 also Volunteer FF with CFA from 1980 to 1985
- • 33 years' service as a career fire-fighter
- • Member institute of Fire engineers

I live in [REDACTED] and work at MFB STN 26 Croydon.

I also volunteer in my community active committee member of the Fire Services museum of Victoria preserving Victoria's fire service history so work tirelessly with a group of volunteers who give their time to preserve our fire history

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

- I've seen firsthand what happens when there is a delay in providing full 24/7 fire coverage in built up areas like Mooroolbark, Montrose, Chirnside park and adjoining heavily built up urban areas which are looked after by volunteer brigades. The commitment of the CFA volunteers is very committed but due to increase in emergency calls in these heavily built up areas they have many demands placed on them especially during weekdays when most of the volunteers are employed and not close by to assist.
- Victoria's fire services boundaries have not changed significantly in 60 years. Under this out-dated system, 35 areas are wrongly zoned as 'country', despite being heavily urbanised and residential. Frankston, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Craigieburn, Melton, Springvale, Boronia and Geelong are just some of the 35 'country areas'.
- These areas need to be modernised as they are highly urbanised areas as part of the reform of the fire service. A rapid 8 minute response, with 7 professional career firefighters on two fire trucks is the minimum standard needed in highly urbanised areas.
- All Victorian, professional and volunteer fire-fighters, deserve modern fire services that meet the needs of our growing communities.

To ensure the safety of all Victorians - including me as a fire-fighter, I ask you to please seriously consider your support for the proposed fire services reform.

Reform of our fire services will ensure the safety of your constituents, and all communities in our growing state. Additionally, it will ensure the safety of our fire-fighters and stop the ever increasing and unrealistic demand being placed on volunteer fire-fighters because of the enormous urban growth resulting in increased emergency calls.

Thank you for your time

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