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Please accept this submission to the fire services reform

With over 30 years' experience as a professional fire-fighter with the MFB I have responded to an enormous number of emergencies. These have been both in the metropolitan district and in the country Victoria areas. When working alongside CFA fire-fighters I have come across many negative issues such as incompatible equipment, different operating procedures and different training of fire-fighters resulting in me being unable to utilize some fire-fighters for basic internal fire fighting and rescue. As one fire service there would be consistency and more effective emergency responses.

One fire service would also allow for a reduction in duplicated management areas and non operational departments resulting in reduced running costs.

Victoria is the only state in Australia that has multiple fire services. Having one fire service reduces the chance of egos becoming involved and causing bad decisions to be made, which I experienced first-hand on Black Saturday.

There are countless other reasons for Victoria changing to one fire service and I am more than happy to discuss this further with you if required,

Regards,

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