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From: Stephen Rota [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 9:22 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Whole hearted support for fire service reform

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees.

My name is Stephen Rota. I am a Leading Fire Fighter with the MFB and have been a full time fire fighter for 8 years. I absolutely love my job and acknowledge the special opportunity I have to work in an environment and in an occupation where my sole purpose is to help and serve those in need.

I live in the country area of Silvan and am currently stationed in Croydon fire station.

I cannot with more earnest and concern write in full support of the fire service reform. For me the whole situation is absolutely astounding that the need and logic and urgency of this reform is being questioned. I have very dear friends and family who live in the areas of Lilydale, Knox and ferntreegully and to have the fact that they are not covered by the same protection as anyone else who pays the same rates and the same taxes is ludicrous. Surely the safety of all of the public must trump the social passtime and 'enjoyment' of a very minor few of the public who for reasons completely insane to me oppose the recommended reforms.

As stated above I work in Croydon fire station and so are surrounded by volunteer brigades. Now although well intentioned I am sure, there are countless times each and every week when we attend jobs when these volunteer brigades take well over acceptable times to attend the jobs, if they attend at all in many cases. Now I understand that there may be difficulties with attendance and it may be no fault of the volunteers, but try explain and excuse this to the residents who have loved ones injured or at great risk or who have their property threatened or destroyed. Once again, surely the safety and benefit of the wider community MUST carry far more importance and focus than the pass time or enjoyment of a few.

The reform, as anyone who understand the facts and not the ridiculous constant propaganda, will not negatively impact those who still desire to serve their communities. If anything it will on only inhance the service and protection while streamlining the processes of services provided and thus increasing the safety and effeciency of all of the public.

The Metropolitan fire district is completely outdated and grossly inaccurate. Again, some dear friends and family are among those who suffer from this very fact.

I trust and hope that the reform is focused on facts and not the crazy propaganda that has been peddled and disseminated through the media.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Rota
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