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My name is Maurice Ricardo and I have been employed for 28 years by the MFB. I Currently hold the rank of Station Officer based at Bundoora fire Station. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform to the fire services for the following reasons.

*It is important to me as a Fire fighter to have a guaranteed back up of at least 7 Fire fighters on the fire ground dispatched within 8 minutes not only for my safety and efficient fire fighting capabilities, but for the safety and protection of the community.

*Employing all career fire fighters in the one service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity. Volunteers will continue to do what they have always done unaffected by the reform.

*Boundaries for urban(MFB) and rural (CFA) have not changed in many years, surely the urban sprawl and population growth dictate the boundaries.

*The dispute over this has caused considerable strain to my work colleagues and myself due to the uncertainty of our careers.

I myself live in a CFA volunteer area and have been verbally abused and accused by volunteers of trying to take over their area. I have had to defend myself by informing them that this is not the case and that they are misinformed and nothing will change for them.

I have stated that I understand admire and appreciate what they do for the community, but we do this for the community not for ourselves

Yours sincerely

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