

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees.

A Submission to the fire services bill select committee .

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I am a Station Officer with the MFB with 33 years of service .I am specialist in road rescue and a qualified instructor of structural firefighting /CFBT at VEMTC.

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

- The 35 areas of Victoria that are now highly urbanised and have other risks and some have major hazard facilities –eg LARA ,Lara has 4 major hazard facilities in its turn out area 3 prisons and a commercial airport which is covered by a very good volunteer brigade but can they guarantee 7 firefighters in two trucks within 8 minutes 24hrs a day to these facilities ?, with back up 20 minutes away it would be very hard I think .(WORK COMMITMENTS of the volunteers).A modern Victorian fire service would be able to cover these facilities with career and volunteer brigades in the changing country and urban areas,
- Victorian's living in highly populated areas of Melbourne and the country, need a modern Victorian Service ,so they can get value from their fire services levy .Some of these areas would able to benefit from the introduction of emergency

medical response as all career staff are and will be trained.

- Victoria can only be advanced by this very important change to its fire services ,it will no effect to the volunteer brigades, of its response to bushfires and other emergencies in country areas.
- This change is necessary for many reasons but work place/fire ground harmony is a must! the damage this disputation has caused to myself. Family, college's and all firefigthers is immense.

Yours sincerely

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