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From: Steve Jameson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 5 July 2017 9:56 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Victorian fire service reforms.

Dear Honourable member,

My name is Stephen Jameson, I live at [REDACTED]. I am a professional MFB firefighter with over 32 years service. I am currently based at Epping fire station.

I write to express my support for the proposed fire service reform.

In my area of Epping, I often go to jobs in areas that were once known as the country, these areas being South Morang, Craigieburn, Greenvale and Roxburgh Park. These suburbs of Melbourne can no longer be regarded as country areas in my opinion.

Victoria's fire service 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 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 firefighters deserve modern fire services, that meet the needs of our growing communities.

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

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

I also respectfully submit that you give consideration to my request to modernise the fire service along with the introduction of presumptive legislation laws to protect fire service employees. Both are needed to be endorsed and implemented by parliament before the commencement of the fire season. This is important to me and my colleagues.

I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person and to talk to you further about my personal experiences as a professional firefighter and why this reform is so important.

Best regards,
Stephen Jameson
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