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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 July 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submission to the Fire Services Reform Committee from Senior Leading Firefighter Jason Dale -Metropolitan Fire Brigade

> Dear Sir/ Madam,

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> I write in reference to the proposed Fire Services Reform Bill currently before the select committee.

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> I have been a proud MFB Firefighter for 14 years. I am currently stationed at Fire Station 35 Windsor. I live in Elwood which is obviously covered under MFB jurisdiction which affords me the luxury of a full time career staffed fire service, something every rate payer living in an urban environment should also be afforded.

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> One of the key aspects of service delivery to the community that MFB provide is a 90 second response time to any emergency call with a minimum of 7 fire fighters on the fire ground; this is vital as it allows a fast efficient response with back up immediately available should fire fighters become trapped such as in the case of a house fire.

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> In addition to our delivery as a fire rescue service to the community, MFB has been operating the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program for the past 15 years in conjunction with Ambulance Victoria and has been directly responsible in countless numbers of lifesaving interventions.

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> Just the other day my crew and myself were lucky enough to save the life of a 26 year old young lady who suffered a seizure whilst swimming at the St Kilda Sea Baths. Her heart had stopped and she presented as lifeless with no pulse and no breathing present. Due only to the timely response was she able to be brought back to life.

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> I can't help but think this is surely a service that should be afforded to as many Victorians as possible.

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> With the proposed transfer over to Fire Rescue Victoria we stand to lose 126 years of tradition yet we do so happily in the belief that these reforms are not about the individual but rather, what is best for the community.

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> Melbourne and indeed all the satellite cities and large regional cities throughout Victoria are not the same places they were 10 years ago, let alone 30 or 50 years ago. I believe the Fire Rescue Victoria model of encompassing all career fire fighters will work, and finally allow us some stability to work together and progress in to the future to provide a world class fire rescue service. By the same token, restoring CFA back to its original model of a volunteer only Fire Rescue Service is a positive move and will only restore the interest that committed volunteers have always had, through these uncertain times.

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> In my opinion the proposed changes make little difference to our combined response to emergency calls. I would still gladly and proudly attend to calls alongside our volunteer brothers and sisters and I'm sure that courtesy would be repaid.

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> Thank you for your time and consideration.

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> Yours Sincerely,

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> Jason Dale

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