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**From:** Chris and Nicole Drysdale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 July 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Fire Service Reform Must Happen.

***Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,***

***My name is Chris Drysdale. I am a Station Officer at the Heidelberg Fire Station for the MFB. I have been employed since the year 2000 in a Full Time capacity.***

***I live in Brunswick West and as I mentioned I work mainly at the Heidelberg Fire Station. I am not a volunteer, I have never been a volunteer, however I have many friends and family members that live in the CFA area out side the MFD.***

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

- ***My family and friends that live outside the current MFD boundaries are entitled to the same fire coverage and benefits and advantages that it provides.***
- ***Having seven firefighters on the fire ground, two fire appliances guaranteed backup and despatched within eight minutes.***
- ***Having an Operational Chief Fire Officer.***
- ***MFD boundaries have not changed for 60 years and do not reflect the growing Victorian population.***
- ***The EMR program that has been highly successful in the MFD needs to be offered to the greater community. I have been involved with many confirmed saves since the EMR program has been introduced. There is no reason under fire reform that this would not continue for the greater community.***
- ***Where wild fire used to be the norm is now replaced with more structure fires and requires all of the above as a response for the community and to greater protect life and property of more Victorians.***
- ***Long standing disputes within the MFB and its firefighters would be drastically reduced with a more harmonious work place moving forward. The impact of the ongoing industrial disputation on my colleges, family and myself have been significant and all have an extremely strong desire to see it end.***

***Fire reform in Victoria is long over due and is required for so many reasons and so many more Victorians can experience and have what they deserve.***

***Yours sincerely***

**Chris Drysdale**  
**Station Officer**  
**Heidelberg Fire Station**

