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Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
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To Whom it May Concern.

CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSION

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I am currently a CFA Volunteer for nearly 15 Years with the Edithvale Fire Brigade.
I have held many senior administration positions within both my brigade & the VFBV District Council.

COMMENTS ON TOPICS RELEVANT TO MYSELF

CONSULTATION

From the announcement of the proposed bill, there had been virtual no consultation with Volunteers. This is a clear breach of the Volunteer Charter. The result of the lack of consultation, is a less than coherent approach, with each briefing raising more questions that can be answered.

PRESUMPTIVE LEGISLATION

Having this much desired piece of legislation bundled up with the new proposed organization puts ALL firefighters in a position where we are held to ransom. Eg, If we want the Presumptive Legislation, then we must accept the splitting of the fire services. The legislation also discriminated against Volunteers in that Career Firefighters automatically qualify but Volunteers must front a panel.

FINANCIAL

I feel that the CFA will be stripped of funds to pay for the new organization, and Volunteers will miss out on equipment and training.

If you wish to contact me, please feel free to call.

Yours Sincerely,

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