

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

I am a Volunteer Firefighter with the Kilmore Fire Brigade in District 12. I am currently a Firefighter and hold the Training portfolio for the Brigade. I have been with the CFA for 20 years and have held various lieutenant ranks within the CFA over this time. My Current Employment is a Career Firefighter with Broadspectrum whom look after the firefighting duties of military bases. I have been with this company for approx 5 years, 3 years as a career firefighter.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons as that I think a guaranteed two trucks with minimum 7 professional firefighters dispatched and on scene time of 8 minutes is a benefit to their respective community's and a safety precaution for those firefighters knowing that those firefighters on scene are highly trained and competent skill wise, This type of response is a far greater benefit to those communities than rather those communities relying on volunteers giving up their time to respond. As for the surge capacity of the CFA, I don't think it will be affected to the point as the VFBV states and will remain as it is.

Yours sincerely,

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