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**From:** Ian Crocker [REDACTED]  
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**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** MFB and CFA Fire rescue Victoria.

Hello,

My name is Ian Crocker and a MFB Fire Fighter for 29 years, I am writing to you as a concerned citizen living in a Suburb with only CFA Volunteer fire protection.

I am Stationed at Croydon Fire Station where we cover MFB and Back up CFA Volunteer areas, As a Full time Fire Fighter we have to strive to respond within 90 seconds and arrive on scene in 7.7 minutes. Life and Property depend on this, A fire in a bedroom contained to the room of origin and people rescued in time, Or extra time CFA volunteers take to arrive on scene the whole house could be involved and lost, These extra minutes count even if it is only 5 minutes longer!

We still are going into CFA area's where Mooroolbark CFA failed to respond, Wonga Park failed to respond, And Lilydale CFA where only in the papers 2 weeks prior bragged that they are professional and there in no need to fix something that isn't broken failed to respond to a major gas leak, Mostly because they can't get a driver. Although response from the CFA have improved over the years we still can't guarantee a response from Volunteers. The other issue is when they do turn up we don't know whether any of the Volunteers have Breathing Apparatus Qualification to back us up, They say their trained as well as permanent Full time Fighters but their not and never have been.

The Full Time Fire Fighters have known about the problems Of trying to get a guaranteed response in the urban areas from CFA Volunteers in the Melbourne and major Regional Towns for years and the only way forward is to have Full time Fire Fighters in built up areas.

Full time Fire Fighters are sick of the lies and mis truths being written in the papers and broadcast on the radio.

We do not what take over and control Volunteers but we do want Volunteer stations to be integrated with Full time Fire Fighters in built up urban areas densely populated and at high risk. 35 integrated stations already exist with no problems and to increase this number wouldn't be an issue where needed.

Nothing at all will change for all the little CFA volunteer Station in small towns around Victoria they haven't a thing to worry about Full time Fighters will never ever come in and take over period!

The other CFA volunteer Station like Lilydale, Mooroolbark, Wonga Park and any others on the urban fringe that at times struggle with no fault of their own don't respond to a Fire Call, Should be integrated with Full Time Fire Fighters, 35 Stations already do this.

Full Time Fire Fighters also respond with Ambulance Victoria to Heart Attacks priority 0 Medical Emergencies and have saved hundreds of lives and extra advantage that CFA Volunteers don't offer.

This isn't a new problem 29 years ago when I joined the MFB the CFA had and are still having problems responding to call in urban growth areas around Melbourne and Regional Towns in Victoria, With Heath and Safety and how important it is we need this change to happen, We urge you please support the Full Time FireFighters, If you have a problem in trusting Peter Marshals integrity on this Change you all are saying every Full Time Fighter is Dodgy and can't be trusted as well, We Are Generally Concerned on what is happening at Fire Calls with the Volunteers.

Regards

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