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**From:** Daniel Hodge [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** I support the fire service reform

Good evening,

My name is Daniel Hodge my contact number is [REDACTED]

I am a Leading Firefighter in the CFA working out of the Hallam Fire Brigade.

My primary role is to provide a professional emergency response service to the community of Hallam and to the surrounding areas including Hampton Park, Doveton, Narre Warren, Berwick and Dandenong.

I am a professional career firefighter and have over 5 years' experience in firefighting operations. I am also a Hazmat technician, EMR operator and I am endorsed to crew lead my operational peers and CFA volunteers.

In my time serving the community of Hallam I have witnessed a dramatic expansion in commercial and residential facilities particularly in Dandenong South and Hampton Park.

The demand for a comprehensive fire emergency response has never been greater, the need for reliable, standardised and skilled first responders has never been greater yet the responsibility is carried by only a handful of professional firefighters in these areas.

The reliance on volunteers/volunteer brigades to provide the core emergency response in a major urbanised, populated suburb like Hampton Park, Berwick, Dandenong South is a putting those communities at untold risk.

The unfortunate part for the community is that they are the ones that suffer – they may not know it – but as a firefighter that works within the current out-dated fire service model – I know it, I live it.

I support the fire service reform because it will guarantee a level of service to the community that is in line with the needs of the major towns and cities of modern Victoria.



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