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To the Fire Service Bill Select Committee (Gordon Philips, Daniel Mulino, Colleen Hartland, Daniel Young, Cesar Melham, Harriet Shing, Luke O’Sullivan, Wendy Lovell)

I am a professional Firefighter with the MFB. I have been in this career for over 6 years and have reached the rank of Leading Firefighter. I am currently based at Windsor Fire Station. I take my job and the safety of the people I serve very seriously.

So I am writing this email to show you my support for the proposed fire services reform.

Working as a full time operational Firefighter in the MFB, I get to see first-hand the benefits of having a 24hr a day, 365 days a year around the clock full time fire service.

We are required to be on the truck and out the door in 90 seconds. We aim to be on scene at an emergency in under 8 minutes. We arrive faster often. This could be to a range of different emergencies. Hazardous material incidents, High Angle rescues, Car Accidents and entrapments, Heart Attacks, Drug Overdoses, Chokings, Drownings, Electrocutions, Suicides, Grass Fires, House Fires, Building Fires, Car Fires. You name it, we get sent to it. So I have a very strong understanding on how important it is that we get to these incidents as fast and as safely as possible in order to reduce the chance of property damage and risk to human life!

As Melbourne’s full time career fire service boundaries haven’t changed in a very long time and Melbourne’s population and urban sprawl continues to spread, there are many areas that I believe don’t have the protection they need. Putting property and LIFES at risk. I live in one of these areas. There is no guarantee that if something was to happen at my house, to my family that required the urgent help of the fire service, that we would get a sufficient amount of fire crews in a sufficient amount of time to prevent the loss of property and the lives of my family. I live in Frankston South. An area that you would definitely not class as country any more. The proposed fire service reform would change this.

The new Fire service reform is the change Victoria’s fire service needs!!! Also, the proposed presumptive legislation laws for firefighters that contract cancer due to their job!!!!!!

Please don’t let this great opportunity for a positive change to Victoria’s Fire Services be missed. You are in a key position to make this happen!!!!!!

I invite you to call or email me if you would like to discuss any more.

Regards

Leading Firefighter Chris Bourke
 Windsor Fire Station

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