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To: LCSC

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Subject: Fire Services Reform Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Fire Services Reform Bill and Presumptive Legislation.

My name is Carl McCambridge and I have been a professional MFB firefighter for 30 years. I am currently based at No.2, West Melbourne fire station.

I am based and live in the current MFB boundaries. So I and my family are very comforted by the knowledge that we are covered by a 24 hour Professional Fire service. That provides me with not only fire but rescue and medical services.

I as a current serving firefighter am fully aware of other family and friends who don't live within full time fire service boundaries and do not receive that same protection and service that we do. They and I are concerned that these growing areas need greater protection.

I do not believe this will impact on volunteers negatively. It is in everyone's interest to have well trained and maintained volunteers and equipment in smaller rural areas. Areas that do not warrant a full time Fire service. This legislation secures that for volunteers and gives them and those communities they serve peace of mind.

I also wish to support the introduction of presumptive legislation laws to protect fire service employees. This is a very important piece of legislation as it is medically and scientifically proven that firefighters are more susceptible to cancers due to their occupation. The peace of mind if there is illness suffered by firefighters due to their commitment to the community is reassuring to both firefighters and their families.

Please support this important Bill.

Kind regards

Carl McCambridge

Leading Firefighter MFB West Melbourne.