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I am a Senior Leading Firefighter with the MFB with 32 years of service, my Father was a Station Officer with 37 years service in the MFB. Between us we have seen many changes to the service but none are more important than the current reformation . I reside in Mt Martha which is 100% Volunteer response, my neighboring town of Mornington has recently changed to professional response with the population exceeding 157000 people. Many of the skills and qualities of firefighters are sought after by employers in other industries. This makes firefighters extremely employable meaning that the time needed to devote as a volunteer firefighter is inhibited by full time work commitments. There is no industry in Mt Martha other than a shopping strip and I can not see a timely response to an emergency happening during the day by qualified experienced volunteers who are at work. This is happening in the urban sprawl of Melbourne and its time to change the boundaries to allow full time professional response for the safety of its citizens. In my opinion there is nothing in these reforms that will stop Volunteers responding to emergencies as they do now .

I urge you to consider the Presumptive Legislation for ALL Victorian Firefighters.  
Thanks for your consideration.

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