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To whom it may concern.

I have lived in the Lilydale area for over 50 years. During this time, the CFA has been the most community minded and active group in our area. They have always been highly respected by the whole community. I have seen first hand the energy and enthusiasm of these volunteer firemen applying their wonderful skills to protect our community. The speed of their response to emergency situations is incredible and I cannot believe that anything other than such a group of local volunteers would achieve what this group has done.

To disband such a great organisation would be a real "kick in the guts" to the current participants and their predecessors.

A question I ask is why we move such a community orientated group and replace it with paid personnel. This would be more expensive – less effective, and would seriously damage the respect of the Governments who would do such a thing.

Yours faithfully,

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