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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

I am an above strength level 3 firefighter with the CFA. I currently work at Geelong City Fire Brigade and also live in Geelong. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

As a firefighter I want to have the peace of mind that if I go into a burning structure that I have guaranteed back up if something should go wrong. This is where 7 on the fire ground is important as it allows for a crew to be on standby to go in if something goes wrong with the crew inside, I hate to think what could happen if no crew is available as backup. The role of the volunteers does not change, if they are qualified to wear BA then they can still be first crew into a structure or used as backup or whatever other role they are qualified to do, absolutely nothing changes for them. This is one example of how firefighter safety would be improved and also provide the community with a better service as there will be more responders to handle the job. I strongly believe that a reform would benefit both volunteer and career firefighters as it would end this dispute and pave the way to start mending some strained relationships. In my experience the volunteers in my district are in favour of the reform and it's only a small but loud minority that have an issue with it. This has gone on far too long and I have seen first hand the strain it has had on workmates and their families. While we accept the dangers of our job, I think it's fair to expect our work place be made as safe as possible for us while we protect the lives and property of our community and not have our safety compromised by people pushing their own political agendas.

Yours sincerely, Cameron Jones

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