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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Qualified Firefighter in the CFA at Frankston. I've been a firefighter for 3 and a half years now. During my time working for the CFA, I have come across many instances where it has come to my attention the need for a reform of the fire services.

I live in a highly urbanised residential area that also has a high concentration of commercial activity in which I think deserves a modern urban fire service. The fact that I live in a built up residential area and yet we don't get the same fire coverage as the surrounding suburbs is not good enough and puts my family and life at risk. It is time for change and that time is now.

In one instance of recent times, we were responded to an alarm at a community centre going in as the supporting brigade in whom the primary response brigade failed to respond. We were the only appliance that were on scene and turned out for this job. If there was a fire or other incident actually taking place, it would have been vastly inadequate for us to safely fight the fire at hand with only 3 people on our appliance. This is just one of the instances I have come across in my time that highlights the need for a reform.

The impact of this ongoing industrial dispute has bought a lot of hurt and anger towards myself, family and work colleagues. There has been many times where I have been spoken to in a rude and hurtful manor by people that have been misled by false information. I feel we have put up with this and acted in a professional manor for the entirety. This needs to come to an end so we can get on with our lives, jobs and most importantly providing the best possible fire service to the community as they deserve.

Sincerely,

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