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Dear Panel

I wish to convey to the Committee my serious concern, really objection, to the breakup of the CFA. In the Northern region we have many rural fire brigades, mostly volunteer, who have saved us many times from catastrophic fire events- which we are in constant danger of every summer - and also saved many properties.

Leave the CFA as it is; do not disadvantage volunteer firefighters, or rural volunteer brigades or we will be in danger of being undermanned, underresourced and in danger of destruction by fire. EVERY SUMMER into the future.

We need every volunteer we can get. This legislation would so demoralize volunteers and rural brigades that the regional and rural areas of Victoria would be seriously at risk. Please accept my submission.

I have been a country person most of my life and appreciate the great and tireless effort and indispensable presence of volunteer firefighters and rural brigades.

Further, I believe that this Bill is a transparent demand by the Unions such as UFU to get rid of volunteers altogether so that more paid firefighters will need to be employed = more unionists=more \$ for unions. They don't care about the residents; they don't care that we will fry; they don't care that we will all be paying much higher fire levies into the future. I have house insurance and was happy to pay for a fire levy but I'm not in a position to pay more and more every year to foot the bill for all paid firefighters entitlements because Daniel Andrews wants to allow the Union to take over.

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