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My name is Chris Hall and I support the fire services reform. I currently work for the MFB. I joined the MFB in 2011 and am currently stationed at Altona fire station. My rank is a Qualified Firefighter. I have lived in Point Cook for seven years and in this short amount of time the population growth and urbanisation has only increased and looks like this will continue to be the case for years to come. It is important that emergency services continue to grow with the area too. An area that has large hospitals, shopping centres, schools and large industrial areas deserves to have a modern fire service capable of meeting the needs of the residents.

I have just completed a compartment fire behaviour training course at the VEMTC which covered fire behaviour and part of the course looked at how quickly fire develops in modern homes compared to homes in the 1950's. A fire in a bedroom has the potential to become fully involved in a few minutes with the chance of survival of any occupants becoming very slim in those few minutes, while a bedroom in the 1950's took over 30 minutes to become fully involved. The possessions we all have in our homes burn quicker than ever and the toxins released make it imperative that firefighters are there as soon as possible. Minutes and seconds really do save lives but to ensure we are able to do our job as safely and efficiently as possible we need to ensure certain things are in place. Getting seven on the fire ground as quickly as possible allows us to do our job as efficiently as possible thus increasing the chances of helping someone who maybe trapped and also our safety as we all want to go home to our families at the end of our shift. The current model does not reflect the current rate of Victorian growth and in my opinion the reform will be good for everyone. Residents will know they are going to get the appropriate number of firefighters if they are required, volunteers are still needed and will continue to be great support in Point Cook and other areas around Victoria, firefighters will know they are going to be able to do their job as safely as possible because they have the modern services required.

Thank you for your time

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