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To: LCSC
Subject: The Fire-fighters Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Service Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017

Categories: CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST

Dear Committee Inquiry into Fire Services Restructure Proposal.

This email is confidential to your committee please.

I have been reserved in my actions into this Fire Services Restructure until the recent public and paid advertising by the current UFU (united fire fighters union) discrediting our volunteers and putting doubt on our volunteer service especially in integrated stations

I am a proud Captain of a CFA Volunteer Brigade in the Yarra Valley and have served as a Volunteer for over 25 years. As a community and fire service we have proudly served our community with a proven 100% primary service delivery stats for the CFA in the past 8 years and this is a full Volunteer Brigade doing some 100 calls a year and we have been proud and committed to this.

Victoria is one of the most bushfire prone areas in the world and this can't be disputed and decisions made in your committee will effect or change the ability for our current Volunteer CFA to save lives and property and must be given serious considerations to the following points

- The lack of consultation as per the Volunteer Charter and CFA Act
- No detail and no implementation plans
- No impact analysis or cost benefit/analysis
- No justification for the proposed changes
- No long term analysis for the fire service

I am deeply concerned about the impacts of the proposals and especially the change to the nature of CFA and there are still many unanswered questions. I instead of questioning the proposal I would hope you would look to consider the following

- Protecting our current surge capacity of Volunteers and strengthen our ability to respond with Training and Funding
- Justify the proposed changes and allow the community to see the cost benefit/Analysis. Will this affect the fire services levy?
- Concern when the term Devil is in the detail? Show more detail?
- Protecting of the Volunteer model and cost benefit to the state not to mention protecting community values
- Presumptive Legislation Must be included in or outside this agreement and the same model as career fire-fighters

Please take my email into consideration and if you require more detail please do not hesitate to call

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What we are: CFA is a volunteer and community based fire and emergency services organisation

Vision: Working together with communities to keep Victorians safe from fire and other emergencies

Mission: To protect lives and property