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I am a Station officer in the MFB with 18 years service. During my career, I have worked in various departments including, operations, dangerous goods and training.

I am writing to lend my support to fire services reform.

As an officer at Eastern Hill, I was first on scene to a flat fire in Fitzroy with a crew of three. Immediately on scene, the driver established water into the truck while myself and the third crew member entered the flat wearing BA, to conduct a search and extinguish the fire. The elderly resident from the flat was helped outside and the fire in his dryer was quickly extinguished. My crew and I were able to perform an aggressive internal attack with confidence, knowing that a pumper from Carlton had also been responded with a crew of four and were only minutes away. I can only imagine the apprehension I would have in committing myself and my crew under such circumstances with the uncertainty of response that volunteer brigades provide.

During my 18 year career, the MFB has had no fewer than six CEO's. During this time there has been a history of dispute and hostility between staff and management. I fear that under the current, antiquated model, this pattern will only continue.

I see fire service reform as a way to start fresh, boost morale and rebuild the trust that has been lost over an extensive period of animosity. I implore you to take this opportunity to modernise the fire services for the benefit of all Victorians.

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