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To the Select Committee elected to enquire into, consider and report on the restructuring of Victoria's fire services.

I live in what you could call the outer fringe of Melbourne
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I am currently stationed at FS41, St Albans.

I grew up in Sydenham and have seen the vast changes in population growth over the 50 year period.

Although I know that the CFA volunteers do a magnificent job and do the best they can for their communities, I also see the need for quicker response times in the built up areas around outer Melbourne.

As a full time fire fighter who turns out to emergencies with volunteers, I know that at different times it can be a struggle for volunteers to get to the destination in a reasonable time, as most volunteers have work/family and other commitments.

I see the necessity to have full time fire fighters stationed in the outer Melbourne areas in order to ensure quicker response times and a safer community.

I have only been a fire fighter for a little over a year, coming off being self-employed for 20 years prior. I did know of the industrial dispute before I was employed by the MFB, but I did not understand the toll it was having on the fire fighters both full time and volunteer. I see that there has been a great deal of misinformation out there which has impacted negatively on the people of Victoria.

I hope that this fire services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017 would be taken very seriously for the sakes of the people of Victoria and their safety.

Kind Regards
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