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To: LCSC
Subject: Fire Services Reform

Hi,

My name is Matthew Collins, I am a career firefighter holding the rank of Leading firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and I have been in this occupation for 14 years.

I currently live in Doreen which is currently in the CFA zone with my 2 closest fire stations being Doreen and Mernda, both of which have volunteer based firefighters only.

These firefighters do a great job and have a great involvement within the local community, however, only a few weeks ago a local residents stove caught fire and they immediately called 000.

My friend who lives across the road from the premises involved stated Sth Morang pumper was first on scene with 4 career firefighters within approximately 10 minutes. Not bad considering it's about 9 kms away.

(They currently have 4 full time career staff along with volunteered trucks) These crew members began to "get to work" whilst waiting for the Doreen volunteers to arrive for back up.

It took another 15 minutes for the Doreen volunteers to arrive on scene. That's now approx 25 minutes after the original 000 call.

When I first moved to Doreen in 2003, there was less than 500 people in the suburb. Now there is a staggering 10,000 plus, with numerous state and private schools, factories, and a large number of shops and local business.

The infrastructure and growth in the Northern growth corridor has been rapid, and to see a fire service reform, where large communities can feel the shared level of safety our friends in the inner Melbourne suburbs feel is a giant leap forward.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone