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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Categories:** CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST

To The Parliamentary Select Committee,

I [REDACTED] wish to show my support for the Victorian Fire Services Reform.

I am a [REDACTED] at Richmond fire station in the City of Melbourne. I am also a Specialist qualified in the areas of High Angle Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue.

I support Fire Service Reform as I live in a highly urbanised residential area that requires a modern urban fire service. Every time I go to work it frustrates me to know that I am leaving my wife and young daughter in an area that SHOULD have a modern fire service that meets World Standards of Best Practice. My family pays the Fire Service Levy just like people in the CBD, yet we receive a substandard level of protection.

Berwick for many years has been a part of the Melbourne Metropolitan area; it is not the country town it once was. It has many child care centres, primary schools, hospitals and nursing homes that require a modern urban fire service with a timely response. In years past these facilities may have been able to have the luxury of having a delayed fire response. However, with today's modern construction materials there is less time before flashover and spread of fire occurs.

I firmly believe that ALL Victorians should be entitled to the best fire response possible.

This industrial dispute has been going on far too long. It is impacting not only on myself and my colleagues, but more importantly my family. My family and I are all sick of seeing professional firefighters used as a political football. Every day I go to work and I do my best to serve and protect the community, yet politicians and media outlets regularly disparage my profession. This is simply infuriating and demoralising. Good people who are just trying to do their job deserve to be treated with more respect.

I request that the committee treat this submission as confidential, thank you.

Regards,

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