

To the Fire Services Reform Bill Committee.

I'm writing to you in support of the Fire Services Reform Bill.

I'm a Leading Firefighter with 29 years service currently stationed at Glen Waverley Fire Station.

I support the FSRB because the boundaries have not changed for 60 years. Suburbs that were once zoned country are now heavily urbanized and residential.

I live in one of those areas, I pay more in my Fire Levy than someone 2klms away in the MFB fire district.

I pay more but get less cover, I don't get a fully professional fire service arriving within 8 minutes, with every person on those trucks being pump operators and Breathing Apparatus Qualified. I also don't get Emergency Medical Response from the Volunteer Brigade in my area. Unlike all the people covered by the MFB area.

As a career firefighter I know how time critical fires are, and how important it is to have fully qualified firefighters on the fire ground.

Volunteers do a great and valuable job but due to their work and family commitments they cannot provide the same service as a fully staffed station.

Lff Richard Jordan

