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Thankyou for allowing me to make a submission.

I have been a volunteer member of the CFA for 20 or so years. In that time I have, and still hold many roles from Firefighter, Captain, Deputy Group Officer to Sector Commander. I also do peer support work where I help CFA volunteers in times of personal crisis or traumatic events, seek clarity and a pathway to professional mental help.

As you can imagine I am seeing a lot more members with concerns of what is happening to our organisation.

This is an organisation that is world recognised as a high standard firefighting service which many countries attempt to emulate. I don't understand why one would change something that is not broken.

Why are there no details in the plan. We are told that they will adjust and "tweek" on the run. This really concerns me. I feel this is bad planning at the very least.

I would like to know why the Premier seemed hell bent on rushing this through when this has such long term consequences for the volunteers and the organisation as a whole.

Having seen how the U.F.U. are so aggressive in their campaign, it worries me that they will run everything to their own agenda.

We struggle at the best of times to recruit and keep volunteers. The ability to work side by side with paid staff was always a great attribute our organisation had, but that trust has been eroded by not only the U.F.U. but the Daniel Andrews Government as well. We have been poorly treated in respect of being kept informed and allowed to have input. This contravenes our Volunteer Charter, signed by the government and the CFA Act. A lot of trust is now lost. This will in turn have a great affect on the ability of our surge capacity in the time of an emergency.

I don't understand why the volunteers should be treated any different than their paid counterparts regarding the presumptive cancer rights. I can't see any genuine reason to split up the CFA and not one of the inquiries have suggested this.

If it aint broke, don't fix it !

Thank you
Charles Dillon

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