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Submission

As a full time firefighter with ten years experience I am pleased to find that we are finally looking at an overhaul of the Victorian Fire Services.

The reasons are as follows:

As a firefighter within the inner Western region I know that when I attend a fire call within the inner area of the MFD that I will be backed up by another appliance. This is especially important when first on scene in a three FF appliance and reduces the chance greatly of being placed in a position where we are asked to either delay making access or break Operating procedures in making access to a building that is involved by fire.

In the outer western region of the MFD this becomes more of an unknown quantity due to the unknown response of the other CFA appliance. There is no guarantee of the turn out time, whether the FF on the truck are qualified to enter an involved building or if it is turning out at all. This makes my work place an unsafe environment as there is no guarantee of seven on the fire ground. This places those of us on the fire ground in a position where we must make a decision on breaking Operating procedures. I feel that this is an unfair position to be placed where we must wait until we have confirmed support or break protocol and make entry.

As a firefighter of ten years I have found that the most effective way to prevent the spread of fire is to make entry and extinguish the seat of the fire. Any delay to this makes for ineffective mitigation of fire spread and makes the conditions inside the building uninhabitable. To achieve this we must have seven on the fire ground on the outer suburbs to ensure that not only are the inhabitants of these areas receiving the same cover as the inner suburbs but the firefighters stationed at these outer stations have a safe work place to carry out our unique work.

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