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To Fire Service Reform Committee,

My name is Terry Nevill and I have been a professional firefighter with the MFB (Melbourne Fire Brigade) for nearly 40 years and an Officer for 30.

My family and I have always lived in Regional Victoria such as Whittlesea, Kyneton, Avenel and more recently Nagambie and we hold the utmost respect for the CFA volunteers. Driving to-and-fro on a daily basis I have seen firsthand the growth spurts in Regional Victoria in particular Whittlesea, Mernda, Calder Freeway, from Kyneton to Melbourne and the Hume heading towards Melbourne from Nagambie and I believe it's now time and/or overdue for a Fire Service Reform.

In addition, being an Officer in the Northern district, I have also seen firsthand the pressures put on myself and colleagues when 'turning out' into CFA areas and needing immediate assistance, however, waiting times for the volunteers to arrive have been 30 minutes or more which could have a disastrous effect on a safe outcome for our firefighters and the community.

To be more specific, I recall a time in the late 1990's prior to Greenvale Fire Station being manned by CFA Professional Firefighters, we (MFB) attended a 2 storey house fire in the Greenvale area travelling from Somerton Station with 3 crew members. Upon our arrival the house was totally involved and unsure of occupants, water location and exposures! The pressure and workload applied to us at the time was incredible, however, on this occasion we were able to confine the fire until the CFA arrived 30 mins later. These types of pressured levels are unsustainable.

Accordingly, I strongly believe that it's imperative the State pass the Fire Services Reform as the impact on families, colleagues and communities is now clearly evident with stress levels at an all-time high. We all fear lives could be lost and our safety compromised.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Terry Nevill  
Station Officer MFB

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