

DRAFT STRUCTURE FOR SUBMISSIONS

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PARLIAMENT SELECT COMMITTEE BY 7 JULY 2017.**

**SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT BY EMAIL TO:** LCSC@parliament.vic.gov.au

OR

**SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT USING THE PARLIAMENTARY WEBSITE**

**ELECTRONIC (eSUBMISSION) FORM** (but such submissions will not be confidential)

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fireservicesbill/inquiries/article/3790>

OR

**SUBMISSIONS CAN BE POSTED (BUT MUST BE RECEIVED BY COMMITTEE BY 7 JULY 2017)**

Assistant Clerk Committees Department of the Legislative Council Fire Services Bill Select Committee Parliament House, Spring Street EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Note:

- • If you have recently written to a Member of Parliament supporting the reform, you may already have put together points and examples that you can include in your submission.
- • Remember a submission can be just a letter, an email, telling your story or giving your views. Please keep them factual and attach any relevant documents you have.
- • If you want your name/identifying factors or your whole submission to be confidential you need to state that at the start of your submission.
- For further more detailed information on the reform please review:
  - o the Government website at <https://fireservices.vic.gov.au/>
  - o the UFU Fire Doesn't Wait website at [www.firedoesntwait.com.au](http://www.firedoesntwait.com.au)

**INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017**

Name: Beau Cook

Position/Organisation: Career Firefighter, CFA

Home location: Harcourt

Work location: Sunbury Fire Station

Years of service: 5 total - 3 career and 2 volunteering at Chewton Fire Brigade

Dear Fire Services Bill Select Committee,

**I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:**

- I want recognition as a PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER.  
We provide the best service to the community, our level of training and quality of emergency response cannot be matched by that of a Volunteer Brigade
- I respect and value the role of volunteers and believe that their service is essential but I want the public to understand and appreciate there is a difference between Volunteers and Staff in regard to the quality of service and response times
- I want to work for a service that is progressive and efficient.  
Our serviced needs to be updated and reform will help us move forward and provide a higher standard of emergency response within our expanding urban areas
- I want to separate myself from the CFA turf war and focus on providing the best possible service to our community
- I am extremely disappointed with the lack of leadership from CFA Management to address and resolve issues relating to the staff EBA
- I do not like the amount of politics that I have experienced working for the CFA
- I do not feel supported or appreciated by CFA Management as a Professional Firefighter. CFA Has done little to protect us.
- I am not happy in my career with the CFA and I do not see it as a long term career at this point. The negative views towards staff expressed by volunteers and within the media has done too much damage.
- I would like presumptive rights compensation for all Firefighters

Yours sincerely,

Beau Cook

Ph: [REDACTED]