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From: Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 2 July 2017 3:52 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Fire services reform

To whom it may concern,

I wish to voice my support for the reform of the Victorian fire services.

I am the wife of a firefighter in the MFB.

I live in Research which has a CFA volunteer brigade.

My husband used to be very proud to be a member of the fire brigade but the recent and consistent attacks on the professional fire service in the media has caused my husband to no longer feel comfortable wearing not only his uniform but not even a MFB T-shirt in public. He has been accosted by members of the public calling him a union thug. My husband is a man who joined the fire services with the primary reason to help others, a man who has now provided that service at a substantial cost to not only his family life (missing kids birthdays and Christmas due to the shift work) but also a psychological cost (problems sleeping due to things seen) and now not even able to feel proud in public due to this ongoing issue.

Further to this, I'm fully aware that a volunteer service is unable to provide the level of cover that a full time professional service provides. Living on the urban fringe I believe that my family deserve the same fire cover that families living less than 5 kms down the road in Eltham benefit from. For this reason, I support the fire services reform.

Regards,

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