

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

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

1. I am Anthony Heafield

- **• Senior Station Officer Corio Fire Brigade**
- • Country Fire Authority
- • 16 years as a Career Fire Fighter Plus 3 years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter
- **• Specialist qualifications**
- Urban Search and rescue Category 1 & 2 National and State Instructor
- State Road Rescue Instructor
- CFA promotional Assessments instructor for Station Officer and Leading Fire Fighters
- Trench Rescue Instructor
- High Angle rope rescue Technician
- Confined space rescue
- Multiple appliance qualified Platforms, Teleboom, Hazmat, Pumpers, MCV, Tankers etc
- Ground observer
- Aircraft Officer
- Air base Manger
- **• awards/commendations**
- Overseas Humanitarian Service Medal
- National Medal
- National Emergency Medal
- Canterbury Citation

2. I live in Barwon Heads and work in Corio.

3. I am also a member of the Australian Army Reserve holding the rank of Craftsman and work as a Fitter Armourer at 105 Workshops 4 Combat Support Service Battalion, I have been a member of the Australian Army for five years.

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

To create a safer better protected community of Victoria and to enhance the safety of all the Fire Fighters of Victoria.

- • The current model of fire service is out dated as Victoria's population, size and risk have drastically increased in the last 50 years. The fire Brigade has not kept up the pace. Traffic conditions
- • I believe if you look at all the facts and take politics and emotion from the argument you will see that there is only one way to move the Fire Brigade forward and that is with reform.

- The campaign against Fire Brigade reform is fundamentally flawed. Anyone cares about their community cannot rationally argue against a fire service that responds in 90 sec and has a guaranteed number (seven members to allow a unrestricted fire attack to potentially save lives) of fully trained and qualified fire fighters. Again the only way to achieve this is with fire services reform and the increase of professional career fire fighters.

Yours sincerely,
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