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To the state government parliamentary inquiry.

The members of the Dunrobin/Nangeela RFB would like to express our dismay in which we as volunteers fire fighters are being treated by the Andrews labor government.

For the last two years the Andrews government has tried to push through a EBA for the united fire fighters union with no respect for volunteers or any body who gets in their way. Their was no consultation with the volunteers over this EBA, even though they stated their was nothing in the EBA that would affect volunteers. We now no that was not true with more than 50 clauses in the EBA that directly affected volunteers and also eroded the powers of the cfa chief officer. Because of this dispute the volunteers lost a lot of good people who were willing to take a stand against this EBA, a labor minister a cfa board a chief officer a executive officer and a assistant chief officer all standing up and defending the CFA.

With changes to the fair work act by the federal government their now must be consultation with volunteers if EBA contain clauses that affect volunteers, the state government won't take the EBA to the fair work umpire because the union doesn't want to withdraw the clauses that gives them the power of veto over the chief officer and the volunteers. So now we have this government idea to split the fire services into two groups, to get rid of the volunteers from metropolitan areas and create fire ready Victoria, all this so their is no volunteers interference in taking the EBA to the fair work commission. Has all this pain and suffering been worth it just to keep a union happy?

A plan that breaks the volunteer charter.

A plan that breaks the CFA act.

A plan that does not consult with volunteers.

A plan that gives no detail on how it is going to be implemented.

A plan that comes with no costing.

A plan that discriminates against volunteers applying for cancer compensation.

A plan that does not show how volunteers are going to be retained at integrated stations.

A plan that does not show how equipment is to be divided between cfa and frv.

A plan that the government will give CFA \$40miion to up grade trucks and sheds for volunteers, what a token offering this sum is. In District 4 we can spend the \$40 mill and still need more money to replace our ageing trucks and sheds and hopefully give electricity power to brigade fire stations that don't have any. but under this government split we fear it will be years before we see new equipment for our volunteers fire fighters.

Yours sincerely

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