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My Name is Stuart Johnson and I am a Qualified Fire fighter with four and a half years' service with the MFB and I am currently stationed at Richmond Fire Station (Station 10). I am also a High Angle Rescue Technician and I Live in Mordialloc.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons I believe that one of the most important things as a fire fighter when we are first on scene at a fire and someone is trapped inside, is that we can go into the fire and attempt a rescue knowing that if something happens to me I Know that there will be another fire truck with guaranteed BA operators not far away to assist. This can only happen if we have a Minimum two truck turnouts with at least seven career fire Fighters on the Fire ground.

What this also means for the community is that in the urban areas which will be covered by Fire Rescue Victoria they know that they will get two fire trucks dispatched within 8 minutes and guaranteed enough fire fighters to fight the fire safely.

I Believe that with having all career fire fighters in one fire service will be great for the community because with one service they will have better resources to fill any staff shortages. Also with having all the career fire fighters in one fire service this will not in any way affect the volunteer turnout or surge capacity as they will still have their station and turnout areas as well as their appliances to go on strike teams.

This reform will also be good for the community in the fact that there has been a lot of urban development since the fire services boundaries were set and I believe that with this reform it will create a current fire service that the community deserve.

The reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades etc.

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