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From: con solakidis [REDACTED]
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To: LCSC
Subject: Fire Services Bill Committee 2017

To fire Services committee,

I am Con Solakidis, Leading Firefighter of 31 years service with Melbourne metropolitan Fire Brigade.

I have a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

I have am qualified to drive Pumpers, Pumper Tankers and Water Tankers within the MFB.

I have EMR (emergency medical responder) qualifications.

I have received 5 certificates for assisting in giving CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) . These certificates are awarded to responders for any patient that has recovered from being unconscious and non breathing and able to leave hospital unaided after 2 weeks of the initial incident.

I support fire services reform as I am able to respond to any fire call , incident or EMR within a matter of 90 seconds due to being located at the station.

.With the population of our cities growing rapidly and traffic being ever more congested, it is of great importance for us to respond from the local station fully equipped. Minutes in getting on scene is of huge importance in saving lives.

Driving around the suburbs of outer Melbourne are no different than inner Melbourne. With all the development that is happening with higher density living, traffic is growing and will get worse. It has changed dramatically in my years of service, and the fire services need reforming to be able to cope.

I am located at Greensborough fire station, with a large shopping centre, Watsonia army barracks,northern ring road,schools,tram and rail network industrial areas and the plenty valley gorge.

I have attended a call to a location in the volunteers maintenance area where there were only 2 people present on the truck, after we had arrived prior to them giving on scene

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