



1st July, 2017

Assistant Clerk Committees
Department of the Legislative Council
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street,
EAST MELBOURNE Vic 3002

Dear Sirs,
Re: Fire Services Bill

I wish to voice my dismay at the Premiers desire to replace the all volunteer fire-fighters with union management and control.

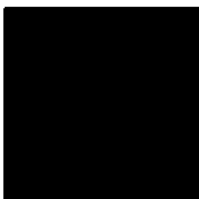
Concerns are:

- 1 Quick response with all local resident fire-fighters lost.
- 2 I live adjacent to the volatile bush of Arthurs Seat reserve. Concerned
- 3 Government has all ready hiked up the fire levy causing a strain on families budgets
- 4 Union control has historically forced up costs due to union demands; stand over tactics and demarcation issues.
- 5 I'm retired but was stood over at a building site I owned in Mornington with words such as "We know where you live and a phone call to my wife saying "were going to get your husband"
- 6 Local volunteers won't work with unions and their management, leaving the usual cost blowout to be borne by the public again.
- 7 Union bosses will determine who can work and who can't work as is happening on Victorian rail projects. This action forcing out volunteers in favour of union members.
- 8 This action is an attempt to get more union members on the UFU books with no thought of the cost to the public purse.

The more you think about this the more unreasonable and stupid this idea becomes and clearly is all about money grab by unions for control. I think the public is now becoming awake to this.

I hope my concerns are taken seriously by the Committee.

Yours faithfully



Peter Jackson