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From: cameron white [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 3 July 2017 2:21 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Re:INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

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

I am a Level 2 Firefighter at Point Cook CFA and have been since graduating just over 1 year ago.

I live in Highton and work in Point Cook. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

As a firefighter it is important to have guaranteed backup at jobs that we attend, it is dangerous for us as a first arriving appliance if we don't have any other firefighters on the fire ground to back us up. We need this to be within 8 minutes to guarantee our safety and that back up needs to make the minimum number of dispatched firefighters 7. This makes for better community safety and protection and employing all career firefighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity.

Volunteer support will be maintained with operational firefighters (OO's OMs etc being employed by FRV but continuing their roles through an arrangement with CFA)

The reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas with no effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response. The 35 areas are now highly urbanised – high residential and other risks, the CFA's boundaries were set up a long time ago based on a population that has changed vastly and the requirement of protecting these high density residential areas has reached a point where the outdated boundaries need to change.

The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment etc

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

Yours sincerely,

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