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The structure of our fire and emergency services was examined by the VBRC and a recommendation was made that no change was required other than the creation of an overall Fire Commissioner. This Commission finding was made after scrupulous examination of all facts. Obviously that by its nature was a finding by the Executive on behalf of the people. There was no mandate given to the Andrews government to reverse the VBRC finding and provide increased powers to the full time CFA members. Secondly this bill will give an unfettered opportunity to gouge the fire services levy collected with the rates. The cost burden of the largesse endowed on the full time CFA by the increase in numbers and pay increases is no longer an issue for the treasury as it is simply passed on to the landowners as a justified increase in the levy. The former Premier Kennet once said that no government in Victoria's history had managed to control the emergency services. Such was the power of union domination and ambush demands and strikes which held the public to ransom that the Premier appointed a CEO to take charge of the Ambulance Service. Whatever the merits of such historical action Victoria deserves to have its emergency services operating in a bipartisan manner and not used for ideological purposes.

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