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Dear Select Committee,

I am a career firefighter in the CFA and I want to share with you my experiences after only one year in this new career.

I was not previously a CFA Volunteer before joining the CFA as a Career firefighter and I knew that firefighters, whether paid or volunteer were always highly respected amongst the communities they serve as I believed that they always put the needs and safety of the community before their own.

Safety is the number one factor of why the reforms are important, it allows professional firefighters to have a safe workplace on the fire ground without affecting CFA's surge capacity for larger scale incidents. Since I joined the career the political environment which has affected ALL firefighters is driving rifts through stations and especially integrated brigades which is severely affecting morale, public image and sadly, mental health. This reform simply needs to happen to allow for firefighters to continue to do what the community needs and deserves well into the future.

I hope you have taken the time to read and consider my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Robinson  
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