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**From:** VARNEY, Stephen [REDACTED]  
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**To:** LCSC  
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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

**INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTER’S PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017**

I have been a firelighter with the MFB for 2 years.

I live in the suburb of Upper Ferntree Gully and work at Eastern Hill fire station.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons

- The fire services reform provides an opportunity for all of Victoria’s fire services in built up areas to have a guaranteed 7 minute response.
- It also provides the framework for two truck (7 fire fighter minimum) response on scene.
- This will equalise the service for people who live in high density, currently serviced by volunteer brigades to receive the same response as people currently do in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. I would like to add that all residents of Victoria pay the same fire services levy, but they do not all receive the same fire service.
- The proposed fire services reform will not affect volunteers
- There will be a guaranteed professional firefighter response which will provide a safer workplace for fighters and better outcomes for the public.
- EMR capabilities in my area

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Varney

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