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Submission to:
Dept of the Legislative Council
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
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To the Committee

I submit the following opinion in relation to the above noted proposed Amendment Bill for your consideration.
Premier Andrews appears to have a political imperative to deliver a significant increase in membership to the UFU. Should these changes occur the will of the Union will potentially be further imposed on the CFA and therefore jeopardise fire services in country areas.
Further, the dedication, diverse skills and local knowledge of CFA volunteers is being downgraded by the Government. Hence it is difficult to understand how this change will improve actual fire services in the majority of rural areas.
The social impact is completely ignored. The fund raising and local support goes way beyond the actual volunteers. Young people learn social responsibility, practical skills and receive guidance in a time where Government funding is finite for youth services whether they be for training, employment or mental health.

Passage of the Bill is not in the best interests of the wider community, Victorian society as a whole nor the CFA and should be vehemently opposed.

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