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To: LCSC@parliament.vic.gov.au
Subject: Support for Fire Services Reform

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

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

I am a Leading Firefighter and have been employed by the MFB for 6 years. I am a qualified Hazmat Technician, Breathing necessary Service Apparatus and Water Tanker operator.

I live in Chelsea and work at South Melbourne Fire Station.

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

-Earlier this year while catching the Breathing Apparatus (BA) Bus - which attends calls to service Breathing Apparatus worn by Firefighters (FF). We attended a call at Technician 3 am to Hoppers Crossing for a factory fire. Hoppers Crossing is on the fringe of the MFB district, so MFB and CFA full time and volunteer brigades were in attendance.

As we the MFB and CFA have different BA we were unable to service the CFA's BA. Servicing the BA means that FF are able to return to firefighting approx.... and faster with a clean and full BA. Firefighters at the job believe we would of bought the fire under control faster had MFB/CFA had the same BA.

Having the same equipment is safer for Firefighters and the public.

-Also with the urban sprawl growing it is vital that we have a 2 truck (7 FF minimum) response on scene and a 7 minute turnout response time. The fire services reform provides the framework for this.

-The proposed fire services reform will not affect volunteers, but it will strengthen the states firefighting response capabilities.

I hope you consider my points raised as I believe it is safely for the safety of the community and the firefighters that serve it.

Yours sincerely

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