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Assistant Clerk Committees
Department of the Legislative Council
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

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This submission is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Submission by and on behalf of the members of the [REDACTED] to the *Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Service Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017*);

The members of the [REDACTED] wish to submit the following information including concerns about the proposed new fire structure in Victoria for the consideration of your committee (in no particular order):

1. The Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation legislation should be a separate issue from the Fire Services legislation amendment.
2. The Brigade members feel they have not been consulted and details about the restructure have not been made available;
3. The members have concerns about the effect of the proposed legislation on small rural brigades like Carisbrook in relation to equipment renewal and brigade support;
4. The proposed model has never been suggested, so why is it being considered now and who is driving the change?
5. Costs of implementation - need to know how this proposal is being introduced and whether the costs will affect the Fire Services Levy?
6. Members are concerned about the future of volunteer brigades and the critical "surge" capacity of the CFA under the new proposal;

7. Members want to know how the new organisation is going to regain the trust of volunteer members;
8. Our volunteer members feel they are being used as political footballs when they are only trying to serve our local communities.

