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To: LCSC
Subject: Fire Service Reform.

Dear Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to assess the proposed Fire Service Reforms here in Victoria.

My name is Dan Condon and I am an Acting Commander with M.F.B. I have worked protecting lives here in Melbourne for over 15 years.

I am writing to you in support of the proposed changes. this is for 2 main reasons:

1 - I live in Jan Juc down on the Surf Coast and having witnessed the devastation a fire leaves in a house, and armed with the knowledge of the local CFA turn out times and on scene times I know that my family and I, plus all residents in my area are currently left exposed and without adequate fire protection. Fire protection we all pay for, and thoroughly deserve in a first world country like Australia.

Please don't mistake this submission as a swipe at Volunteers. Volunteers are heroes in my view and do a great job at times. This is a submission criticising the current systems in place in this state. Urban sprawl, population growth and infrastructure development in our area simply demands a plan for Professional Fire Service now, or at the very least planned for in the near future.

2 - The toxic fight that has been our E.B.A has caused a huge amount of damage in relation to Mental Health. Fire Fighters are witness to some of the most gruesome and graphic scenes by virtue of our employment. The last thing we want/need is more stress from a protracted industrial dispute. I have no doubt that this fight has been a factor in Fire Fighter suicide. That is a terrible disgrace. This is a great opportunity to modernise our Fire Services and become once again at the forefront of Emergency services in Australia and shrug off the archaic approach we currently live by.

Respectfully,

Regards,

Dan Condon.

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