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From: john favier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 3 July 2017 7:10 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Submission to Fire Services Bill Select Committee 2017

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

My name is John Favier and I am a Leading Firefighter with the MFB and have 13 years experience. I am currently based at Eastern Hill in East Melbourne. I have specialist qualifications on the Ladder Platform, Ultra Large Pumper and Control Unit that often attend fires and incidents all over the Metropolitan Fire District.

I have resided in Cheltenham for 20 years, so within the MFB area but close to CFA territory, but prior to that spent extended periods in Mildura and Myrtleford which I consider gives me a well balanced view on these issues.

I am in favor of the reform for the following reasons:

Safety- 7 firefighters/ 2 trucks/ 8min response time enhances firefighter safety, with back up guaranteed, and community/ public safety with faster/ larger response.

One professional fire service will standardise training, equipment and response to the benefit of all.

Volunteers will receive additional funding, station upgrades and recruitment assistance and surge capacity will be unaffected.

The 35 integrated stations are now in highly urbanised areas and require/ deserve an enhanced response.

As an example I have a friend who has lived in Noble Park for 30 years. He told me that in that time there have been 2 house fires in his street. Both houses burnt to the ground. He believes, as I do, that this was due to poor response times and the outcomes would have been much better in the Metropolitan Fire District. He also fails to understand why he is charged the same fire service levy for, what he considers to be, an inferior service.

Yours Sincerely,

John Favier
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