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My name is Adrian Mellors I am a Station Officer and is currently employed by the MFB. stationed at Templestowe fire station in Eastern District. I have been employed by the MFB for over 38 years and have been a station officer for 32 years.

In brief my role as a station officer is to act on behalf of the Chief fire Officer.

- * To respond to any fire emergency within my area and or at the direction of the chief fire officer.
- * As well respond to road accidents, industrial accidents, emergency medical responses.
- * Also working with the community to educate them in fire safety.

The reasons I support the fire service reform are.

* For the community to received a first class fire service for all Victoria, career firefighters and Volunteers need a clear separation so both services can focus on the community they serve.

* By having a modern Fire service, as the state's population grows resources can be placed in those areas to protect the community as needed.

* In the time I have been in the fire service the areas around the MFB district has grown and is no longer semi rural, it has turned into a highly urbanised residential and industrial area where quick fire response is required. This is not only required in Melbourne but also in regional centres of the state.

At present I live in a small but growing rural town which is serviced by a volunteer brigade, which has great community support for their local brigade but I see the need for a volunteer only CFA to concentrate on the training and health of all volunteer brigades without the worry and time they spend on permanents brigades.

With one Victorian fire service for permanent firefighters, as like with other state fire brigades firefighters can be rostered throughout the state as needed.

This reform will strengthen the bond between permanent and volunteer firefighters both services working together for the Victoria community .

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