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From: Leonard Clark [REDACTED]
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To: LCSC
Subject: submission- fire services reform

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write this letter to share my views in response to the Fire Services Reform Bill which is currently before the parliamentary select committee.

I am a operational firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade currently stationed at Hawthorn Fire Station. Whilst my experience is limited to a couple of years, I love my job and the role we play in the community and feel very passionate about the important decision in front of you regarding our fire services.

The pride and passion in the job is everywhere whether it be volunteer or CFA/MFB career staff and this is the perfect opportunity to establish an organisation which can harness this passion and best serve the modern day community.

The proposed model of Fire Rescue Victoria will result in a better service delivery to the community, especially those in growing highly urbanised areas.

Response times of 90 seconds to any emergency call with a minimum of 7 fire fighters on the fire ground allows a fast, efficient response with back up immediately available should fire fighters become trapped such as in the case of a house fire. In addition, the MFB has been operating the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program for the past 15 years in conjunction with Ambulance Victoria and has been directly responsible in countless numbers of lifesaving interventions.

Having grown up in Country Victoria, I appreciate the significant role and contribution that volunteers provide. They are an invaluable and essential part of our fire response system. This proposed model of a combined FRV and CFA as its original model of volunteer only should reinvigorate volunteer interest.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission

Kind regards

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