

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

I am

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- Firefighter level 2
- CFA
- 2 Years in service

I live in Kew and work in Point Cook.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

- Reasons why as a firefighter that it is important to have guaranteed backup - guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes, not wondering if we are going to get volunteer support or even have BA qualified operators if volunteers do show up.
- The 35 integrated areas are now highly urbanised – high residential, high industrial. Needing professionals to service the local areas.
- The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment as well as maybe in the future for someone like me working in Point Cook and living in Kew in the city the opportunity to go work in the city i.e. No1, No10, and No38.
- Only being in the CFA for two years, so not a very long time but the constant media scrutiny that it has put on me and my family has sometimes come unbearable. You leave work to get away from it all but you get home and it's on the TV or in the paper or even driving home on the radio. It's just constant and to the point where enough is enough.

Yours sincerely,

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