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Assistant Clerk Committees
Department of the Legislative Council
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
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Dear Fire Services Bill Committee

Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017

Today I wish to show my support for the **Fire Service Reform** for the state of Victoria.

There are many examples of why **FRV** (Fire Rescue Victoria) should be established but today I'll express my support via my current role as a Recruit Course Instructor for **VFRC** (Victorian Firefighter Recruit Course) 2017.

Currently, both CFA (Country Fire Authority) and MFB (Melbourne Fire Brigade) have separate recruit courses. As of July 21st 2017 the two organisations, will for the first time train their recruits together. It will operate out of **VENTC** (Victorian Emergency Management Training Centre) Craigieburn and is hosted by MFB.

This means that future career firefighters for the whole state of Victoria, will be learning out of the same text books and use the same equipment for training. I believe now is the chance to pick the best out of both organisations and create FRV (Fire Rescue Victoria) to provide the best assistance to Victorian's in their time of need.

With the establishment of FRV, there will be a larger pool of firefighters with the same training and knowledge to provide the support to CFA Volunteers, other emergency services and most importantly the people of Victoria. So, if a catastrophic event was to occur there will be more firefighters both CFA and FRV at the earlier stages to protect our communities.

I look forward to reading the outcome of this inquiry and I hope the communities best interest is the under-pinning reason of the findings.

Yours sincerely,



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