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**From:** DOWELL, Rodney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2017 11:07 PM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** fire service reform

Dear fire services reform select committee,

My name is Rodney David Dowell and my occupation is a firefighter with the M.M.F.B with 30 years service and I am based at Oakleigh in the southeast of Melbourne.

I have qualifications in various pumpers and aerial appliances, telebooms, heavy rescue, breathing apparatus, emergency medical response and worked during the black Saturday bushfires in February 2009 and received the Emergency Services Medal for this disaster.

I live in the City of Casey at Cranbourne (CFA area) for the past 34 years and was a volunteer firefighter from 1983-1987 until becoming a career firefighter.

I do know in areas of the City of Casey most volunteers do not work in their home locations so response times are blown out and sometimes they cannot respond due to insufficient numbers of crews and trained

People. Emergency medical response is not in these areas so the public is not receiving the best service model available in one of the largest growth corridors in Melbourne.

I believe we need modern reform to keep up with growth and disasters that are going on in the world like terrorism, culture change and increased urbanisation in our communities.

We need Fire Rescue Victoria for standardisation of career staffing, training, specialist equipment in the one organization for Melbourne and Regional Victoria to keep up with change to take us forward into the future.

Regards,

Rodney Dowell

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