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I am a firefighter with 27 years experience with the MFB I hold the rank of Station Officer and am currently stationed at Glen Waverley fire station.

I live in Warranwood which is a CFA area and until recently looked after by volunteer brigades and it has always concerned me that if there was a fire at my house the time it would take a volunteer brigade to get there i would probably loose my entire house, where as the MFB has a guaranteed response time on scene of 7 minutes, and even when they do arrive do they have the training in breathing apparatus to do an internal search looking for anyone inside.

It has also concerned me that I pay the same fire levy as suburbs in the MFB and full time CFA but I didn't get an EMR response because the volunteers aren't trained in Emergency Medical Response.

In my time in the MFB I have been stationed at stations that turn out with volunteer brigades and on occasions they have not been able to get a crew to turn out which can put my crew in danger if it happens to be a house fire as we would have no backup.

I am not anti volunteer fire brigades. I think they have their place and do a fantastic job but the outer suburbs of Melbourne have out grow them and need a full time fire service. In my opinion I can see no downside to Fire Rescue Victoria having one professional fire service will better service the community it will make the fire ground safer and the volunteers will not be adversely affected.

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