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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

My name is Paul Turner I am a Leading Fire Fighter working for the Country Fire Authority. I am currently stationed at Greenvale Fire Station on B Platoon.

I have been involved with CFA since 1988 where as a 17year old I joined the Werribee Volunteer Fire Brigade. In the years to follow I learnt many lifelong skills and made many friends in doing so. I like all the Fire Fighters were exposed to terrible incidents whether it being MVA`s out on the highway or running grass fires surrounding my community. We all did this under the Volunteer Banner of CFA and loved it. In 2010 I was excepted into the Career ranks as a recruit Fire Fighter. Over the last 28 years I have seen not only CFA change but Community`s change, many thousands of houses built roads and infrastructure swell to a point that they simply fail, Rural Urban interfaces change multi culturalism multiply and the list goes on.

With this I have noticed that the days of volunteering due to the stress and strain of life whether it being family commitments mortgage repayments or simply people having to work harder than ever and haven`t got any spare time to volunteer, thus the average age of the current volunteer growing and also the commitment to training has in some cases dropped off.

So I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the reasons below.

- Boundary alignments will change giving better fire coverage meaning improved service delivery to fast growing urban areas.
- Establishment of the independent review panel ensure as when the risk changes the fire coverage follows.
- My belief is that Volunteer support will be maintained with operational Fire Fighters being employed by FRV but continuing there roles with complete transparency through an arrangement with CFA.
- The reform will benefit Volunteers as it has included such packages as to assist financially with Volunteer Recruitment and Training programs and Also Volunteer Station up grades.
- The damages to the fire services at the moment I believe is unrepairable and separating the Career staff from the volunteers is the only way forward. We can and will always work together to protect Life and Property in a Professional and respectful manner but just under 2 banners.

Yours sincerely,

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