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**From:** James Caldararo [REDACTED]  
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**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Letter of thanks

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

My name is James Caldararo and I am a career fire fighter for the CFA stationed in Melton. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons.

Reasons why as a fire fighter that it is important to have guaranteed backup - guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 fire fighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes.

With having two trucks turn up and having more fire fighters on scene will help with community safety and protection.

How employing all career fire fighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity but will help everyone provide a better service

volunteer support will be maintained with operational fire fighters (OO's OMs etc being employed by FRV but continuing their roles through an arrangement with CFA)

the 35 integrated stations primary areas will have no effect on other volunteer brigades or bush fire response during other emergencies.

The 35 areas are now highly urbanised – high residential and other risks

The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment etc

Having one Victorian fire service means the opportunities for exceeding our standard at present will increase leaving Victoria better prepared to deal with emergencies

This process has had major disputation in the workplace and it would be great to see the end of this by seeing one service formed.

This reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades.

Yours sincerely,

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