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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

My name is David, and I have been a Firefighter employed by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) for 18 months.

I live in Cheltenham and currently work at Highett Fire Station.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the Victorian fire services for the following reasons:

- Many areas outside of the Metropolitan Fire District (MFD) are now densely urbanised, and require a fulltime fire service to ensure that two fire trucks and at least 7 firefighters are guaranteed to respond within 8 minutes. Due to personal, work, and other commitments, a volunteer response in these areas is not guaranteed to these standards, and these volunteer crews may not always have the appropriate qualifications to be effective (eg use of Breathing Apparatus (BA) inside a structure). By guaranteeing this response within areas of appropriate population density and risk, it will ensure a more reliable level of protection for the community, and higher level of safety for firefighters responding to these dynamic incidents (eg guaranteed BA emergency teams, in case firefighters inside a structure require urgent assistance / extrication).
- I understand that volunteers within these areas will not be affected by this legislation, and so will still respond and serve their community as they currently do, when available. They will also receive increased funding, and assistance with recruitment and retention of volunteers.
- Currently MFB and CFA firefighters use various different trucks, equipment, and training between the two organisations. The employment of all career staff within a single fire service will assist in standardising these trucks, equipment and standards, leading to more efficient operations on the fireground, greater community safety, and greater firefighter safety.

Yours sincerely,
David Langron



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