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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

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

I have been with CFA as a career officer and ex volunteer Captain for over 45 years. I am currently a Senior Station Officer working out of District 7 Headquarters in Separation Street North Geelong. I am a Life Member of Queenscliff Fire Brigade and also Life Member of CFA.

My home location is currently Anakie however have spent most of my life in the Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale area receiving Citizen of the Year in 2002 (Borough of Queenscliff) and also the Centenary of Federation Medal for service to the community.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the Fire Services for the following reasons:

- Having a guaranteed response to all calls with a minimum two truck response with a minimum of 7 firefighters on scene in 7 minutes is what Victorians should expect
In the City as well as large regional centres
- I see the reform as uniting all career firefighters into the Fire Service as a well needed and well overdue
- With this reform volunteer support will be maintained with operational firefighters such as Operations Officers and Operations Managers continuing their roles through arrangement with the CFA
- The reform areas are about the 35 integrated stations (career and volunteer). These areas are now highly urbanised with high residential and other risks
- The reform will assist the standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment
- The disputes of recent times have had their effect on my mental wellbeing with the media reports etc.
- The reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across CFA, and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades etc.

The reasons I have outlined indicate my undivided support for fire service reform; it is overdue and I strongly support its implementation.

Yours sincerely



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