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To the Committee for the Fire Services Bill

This email is a submission outlining my support for the fire services reform starting with my personal details.

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The focus of my strong belief in reform for Victorian fire service is having seven fire fighters on the fire ground.

The primary reason for this is our own safety for if something goes wrong during firefighting operations we have enough support to initiate a rescue.

I have on several occasions been involved in an internal attack of both house and factory fires. During such operations it is only possible to do my job with confidence in the belief I have colleagues backing me up should I need it.

I have been personally very hurt and affected by the negative campaign against having seven on the fire ground and against professional firefighters in general.

The sooner we can resolve this issue, then sooner both professional and volunteer firefighters can do what we do best, fighting fires and not each other.

After spending most of my life living in CFA area I was very surprised to find out the emergency response was so inadequate compared to that of the MFB districts.

I would ask anyone in doubt of the importance for this reform-

"if your house was on fire, how many firefighters would you like to respond? One appliance with maybe two or three firefighters? Or a minimum of seven on at least two appliances?"

Yours sincerely,
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