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To The Select Committee,

I am a Station Officer with the MFB and have been for over 28 years, this has been most of my working life. I am writing this submission to show my support the current Fire service reform bill that is before the select committee for discussion.

My belief is that the bill will provide a guaranteed fire coverage for the majority of Victorians in the outer suburbs of Melbourne and larger regional areas of the state such as Ballarat, Warrnambool, Mildura and Shepparton.

Although these areas are covered by CFA at the moment the health and safety of these Fire-fighters is not guaranteed as the response of Volunteers cannot be depended upon through no fault of their own but due to modern day lifestyle , where people do not live and work in the same areas that they volunteer in.

By having a professional service in these areas there will be a guaranteed response 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year. Making these people in these growing areas a lot safer.

By doing this I'm of the opinion that it will not only enhance responses in these areas but also save lives into the future.

I'm also of the opinion that this will also give opportunity for the Volunteers in the affected integrated stations more opportunity to further enhance their skills and possibly their chances of employment in the future.

All in all I think this can only be a win for the people of Victoria

I would like this to be confidential.

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