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I would like to comment on some of the issues being raised about the creation of the new Fire Rescue Victoria.

1. Country, urban and regional centres are already covered by career and volunteer firefighters. Why is there a need to change the current working model?
2. Why do you think there would be improved coverage by using dedicated career firefighter as opposed to the current mix of career and volunteer firefighter? I believe the current mix is more than adequately doing the job and covering what is required.
3. We all ready have a current and flexible framework that works, it could use more funding though. Maybe consider spending the money on that instead of spending it on something that may not even be required.
4. There isn't equality in the presumptive cancer legislation when you really look into it. It still discriminates against volunteers and isn't based on the Queensland model
5. Diversity and Equity is not apparent even at the government level. Look at the committee and note the number of female members to male members. The government need to practise what they preach.
6. The costings when examined don't add up, it will cost significantly more to implement this new process, than to fund the Country Fire Authority more appropriately.
7. This process goes against what Jack Rush QC recommended in the Royal Commission into the 2009 bushfires.

With respect my personal opinion is that the UFU would like to expand their area therefore gaining more control. It was extremely disappointing to see the scaremongering ads via the TV and paper media that the UFU have been using. There is no denying that the UFU have the money to run a campaign and unfortunately the VFBV which is the volunteer equivalent hasn't the monetary funds to combat the scare tactics that the UFU have subjected the community too. It was also very disappointing when I saw the CFA Chief Officer state that these tactics were very disappointing. I think some stronger words could have been

used to show exactly how disappointed he was with the situation and send a strong message to the UFU as well as show support for both the CFA career and volunteer firefighters. Where are the MFB members in this. They stand to loose over 120 years of history. From what I have heard they are as unhappy as we are. Despite all of the comments that are being made, I believe that unfortunately this process will be pushed through despite not having due diligence or consultation being applied. If anything can come out of the comments I hope that the process is delayed and that there is more time made available for consultation by the appropriate people on both sides of the agenda and that its not just a political done deal.

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