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I have been an active member of Melville Forest CFA fire brigade since 1969 (48 years), holding positions of Lieutenant or Captain for many of those years.

During this time there have been major changes to equipment, training and recognition of skills gained. Operational members are far more effective and safer now than years ago. However with this Bill, the splitting of CFA and FRV will put many training courses in jeopardy particularly in rural areas.

Whilst there may need to be a change in boundaries between MFB and CFA due to massive population increases in Melbourne and other large cities this Bill will not equitably cater for rural areas.

MFB has for years been plagued with union and administration rorts, further investigation needs to be made before amplifying the problems.

The presumptive rights compensation contained in the Bill is not equal between career and volunteer firefighters. It should not be included as part of the Bill to split the CFA and FRV.

No detail of costs and benefits of the proposed split has been made public. Certainly no detail of the effects on fire services levy paid by urban and rural rate payers, given that rural landholders generally pay far more in FSL, as well as being volunteer firefighters.

The Bill as it stands should not proceed.

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