

Subject: fire services review

Daer Assistant Clerk Committees,

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SREVICES
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT REFORM BILL 2017

My name is Jodie Turk. I have been a Leading Firefighter with the MFB for the past ten years.
I am a control unit operator.

I live just outside the MFB District in Aspendale.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons;

- The fire services reform provides an opportunity for all of Victorias fire services in built up areas to have a guaranteed 7 minute response
- It also provides the framework for two truck response (7 firefighters) which ensures a safer working environment for firefighters responding to structural fires
- As a resident of Aspendale i do not receive the same fire coverage as a resident living in the next suburb (Mordialloc) as I live just outside the MFD.
- The MFD must be expanded to reflect the needs of an expanding community. A community that should be comforted in the knowledge that they have 24/7 fire services available to respond within the expected times.
- The public are led to believe that this proposed merger would be costly to taxpayers. However the opposite would be true. Consolidate all departments relieving the need for two payrolls or two fire chiefs etc.
- The volunteering model today is very different to its original intention if helping a neighbour or neighbouring farms in case of fire. People living in urban areas cannot provide the same level of service as a full time fire service.

Yours Sincerely
Jodie Turk

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