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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

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

I believe it is imperative to have sufficient numbers on the fire ground for safe fire fighting operations due to the complexities that exist with our occupation. For example a structure fire requires a minimum of 4 firefighters in BA (breathing apparatus) for safe search and rescue and internal firefighting as well as an OIC (officer in charge) a pump operator and a firefighter to provide a multitude of other roles, Safety, find water, provide medical assistance and external firefighting. It is very important to have these personnel on scene to minimise damage and perform an effective fire fight. The community expects that when they call 000 that there will be the swiftest response available, in these situations every second counts.

The reform will bring together 2 systems into 1 modernised service working along side volunteers in the CFA and SES. The package that has been offered to the volunteers (CFA) under the reform will greatly help them in better funding for training, appliances, station upgrades, including toilets showers and in some cases hot water. I believe it is unfair for the volunteers in outer metro and larger regional towns to have to bare the full brunt of an ever growing population and growing emergency response, also with the emr roll out the call rates will spike thus creating more training needed and more pressure to turnout taking these volunteers away from there family and friends more frequently

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