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My name is Peter Swift and i have been a Full time firefighter with the M.F.B. for 31 years . I hold the rank of Station Officer and am currently stationed at Heidelberg and live in Eltham.

From my experience it is clearly imperative that a minimum of 7 professional firefighters are on the fire ground for every job, and that they are dispatched within the 8 minutes, not only for the best outcome for the community but also for the health and safety of those being sent into danger.

The current boundries between urban and country areas have not been changed in many years and do not represent the Melbourne of today.

The long running dispute has had a very detrimental result on the effective management of the fire service with a percieved huge gulf between operational staff and upper management where firefighters do not believe that their best interests are being looked after. Many of the newer firefighters have never worked in an environment without some form of industrial action being in place. This has a detrimental effect on any work force both whilst at work and at home because of the uncertainty.

Your sincerely,  
Peter Swift.

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