

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS
COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
(REFORM) BILL 2017

I am a Leading Fire Fighter with the MFB for 9 years.

I live in Mt Evelyn and work in Box Hill.

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

- The current model of volunteers responding in areas that are now part of metropolitan Melbourne and other highly urbanised areas area is out-dated and inadequate.
- As a fire fighter that it is important (for both fire fighter and community safety) to have guaranteed backup - guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 fire fighters dispatched within 8 minutes.
- The areas proposed for reform are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas – meaning there should be no negative effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response.
- The 35 areas are now highly urbanised – with high residential populations and many other risks which justify a fully professional (guaranteed) response.

Yours sincerely,

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