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To: LCSC
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Dear Fire Services Bill Committee,

I'm writing to you as a career firefighter in the MFB, and even though I work and now live with in the metropolitan district this has not always been the case.

I grew up in the CFA district 15 in what used to be the small town of Bacchus Marsh. I say what used to be because as of June 2015 it has a population of 20,345, this is a nearly 34% rise since 2000. Bacchus Marsh has a proud and successful volunteer fire brigade as well as the recently built Darley Fire Station. As the population booms because of the freeway and public transport access to the city and affordably housing so do the amount of emergency calls. This puts pressure not only on the volunteers to make every call but also their employer, how many false alarms will their employer allow before they have had enough of the kind and hard working volunteers.

If there was a reform to the current MFB and CFA boundaries it would mean that potentially my family and friends would get emergency medical response which would put my mind at ease but also the volunteers would be supported when surge capacity is needed and will not have to worry about leaving work for false alarms and concentrate on going to calls where their experience and expertise will be utilised.

Currently with the boundaries as they are I worry about my family, friends and their safety living where they live.

Please find my submission is confidential

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