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Having been a firefighter with many years of experience as a CFA volunteer, former Captain, a retained firefighter in NSW and ultimate responsibility for a private fire service in QLD I find it incredible that the Government can attempt to impose on the people of Victoria a new model for fire protection without full consultation with ALL stakeholders. Whilst I agree there is always room for improvement in any organisation one needs to consider all the ramifications and how to implement change following a proper assessment that has been carried out resulting in reasonably accurate costings such that the people of Victoria know exactly what they are getting and what the cost to the individual is particularly as we are advised the FSL will not change for 2 years, what happens after that? Just a few points that come to mind that you might like to consider.

- 1.How did the Government arrive at a figure of \$160M for the implementation when they don't know how the proposed model will work
- 2.Why did the Government ignore the current CFA act and not consult with VFBV
- 3.Why is there a differentiation in the proposed presumptive legislation between Volunteers and Career Staff
- 4.Did the Government consider the NSW model with the use of retained firefighters
- 5.Did the Government consider daytime manning
- 6.Did the Government consider the NT model where at some Fire Stations there are Permanent staff, Retained & Volunteers

The foregoing are just a few of the things that I believe should be taken into account whilst reviewing the proposed legislation,

Kind Regards,

Robert O'Toole

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