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As a member as of CFA, firstly as a volunteer and now as a career fire fighter (whilst still volunteering), I believe that it is essential to move forward with the proposed Fire Services Reforms. To establish the best possible processes by having fire fighters attend emergency incidents as quickly as possible to provide the community with the best possible care in their moment of need, by redrawing out-dated boundaries created almost 60 years ago.

As a volunteer at Mt Martha I have a great respect for the commitment and dedication that my fellow brigade members have to looking after their town. However, due to the socioeconomic factors of the town many people work some distance from the station resulting in a high rate of failure to turnout, this leaves the people of Mt Martha exposed if not for the career staff at the nearby integrated Mornington Station, and it leaves them uncertain of whether they will be supported at jobs. When other integrated stations could (either Rosebud or Frankston) start turning out to ensure fire fighter safety through numbers and better service for the community, who could easily be returned to station should the more local volunteer stations be available at that time.

The focus must remain on what is best for the people of Victoria, considering if it was your house burning with your loved ones inside what will bring about the best outcome. I have seen new volunteers eager to learn & progress their skills held back by the hierarchy of the station, leaving them disengaged and less interested in participation in training and station duties. As fire fighters we should be seeking to challenge ourselves to better our skills and knowledge constantly which something that I feel is lacking a bit in too many from my experience volunteering. I would hope that allowing CFA to focus all of its energy towards its volunteers will allow them to create a more tailored organisation to support them, while having FRV will ensure career Fire fighters have a work place that keeps them safe to go home to their families.

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