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Subject: Fire Services Review

Dear Secretary.

On behalf of the St.Arnaud Fire Brigades Group of which I am Group Officer I would like to submit the following for consideration by your Committee.

While we are not against a review taking place we feel that extensive consultation should be taken with the volunteers in rural areas not just the VFBV.

We do see some merit in splitting the career staff and volunteers but it needs to be done in a way that does not disadvantage the volunteers and limit their ability to keep their communities safe.

The current proposal does not contain enough detail.We are just being assured that everything will be fine,don't worry all the detail will be worked out later.

The limitation being placed on the appointment of Operation Managers,Operations Officers and Training Instructors in that they can only come from within the ranks of the proposed Fire Rescue Victoria is too restrictive.These positions should be opened up so that personnel from fire services in other states,DELWP and members of the defence forces can apply thus increasing the pool of possible applicants.

This is a complex problem and needs to be thought through properly before any decision is made.It should not be put through only in order to get the E.B.A. approved.

Yours Wayne Rourke.
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