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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to show my deep concern about the demise of the CFA volunteers, and lack of funding that will be available in the future. How can the dollar go further when there will be a lot of doubling up of reserves even in our area. Main Ridge CFA is supported by Rosebud which is an integrated station. So now what happens to the volunteers at Rosebud, do they get a new station to house their community funded fire trucks? Do we sweep those 50 volunteers aside, as they live too far away from Rye, Dromana, and Main Ridge to be useful on the initial turn out? Great for campaign fires but are they are going to keep volunteering if they are not required on day to day operations.

I still struggle to understand how the break up can be beneficial. So many more informed people before me were prepared to lose their jobs/careers voicing their objections at these proposed changes.

The old cliché if it's not broken why fix it.

Yours sincerely

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