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**From:** Jake Eng [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 July 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Fire Services Reform Bill

To whom this many concern,

My name is Jake Eng and I'm a qualified firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

I live in Monbulk in Victoria and currently work at the Box Hill fire station. I have been firefighting for approximately 4 years.

I support the fire services reform because It'll create a more modern fire service which will simply provide better care and protection to the community.

As Melbourne and the population constantly evolves, so should the services that are in place to protect it.

My parents live in Ferntree Gully and both my brothers and their families live in Knoxfield. These two suburbs are now very urbanised and populated yet are still zoned "country" by our outdated fire boundaries. This means that a combination of professional firefighters and volunteer firefighters will respond to them in the case of an emergency. Although volunteer firefighters do a fantastic job, they are not always available to respond to calls due to other commitments. They may also not be trained to the same level as professional firefighters. Because of this, any response to these "country" zones will be of higher risk due to the increased likelihood of under crewing and delayed response times.

Please help modernise our fire service and help make the city we love, a safer place.

Yours sincerely,  
Jake Eng  
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