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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017.

My name is Tony McMillan. I have been employed as a professional fire-fighter with the MFB for 28 years and currently hold the rank of Leading Fire-fighter at the Bundoora fire station. I am writing this submission to show my support for the proposed reforms to the fire services for the following reasons:

It is vital to have a minimum of two trucks and 7 fire-fighters dispatched to calls within 8 minutes. This provides not only fire-fighter safety but a far greater chance of a good outcome regarding property loss and potential loss of life.

Combining all career fire-fighters into the one service will have no effect on volunteer turnout or surge capacity. Volunteer brigades and bushfire response will remain unchanged and the great work they do will continue.

Having assisted with large scale fires in NSW, I have witnessed how well their service operates. Should this reform be approved, Fire Rescue Victoria would mirror their service.

Integrating the MFB and CFA full-time staff will provide a superior fire service to the outer suburbs of Melbourne. With no change to metro/country boundaries for over half a century and urban sprawl continuing to expand, it makes perfect sense that these now built up areas be protected by a professional fire service.

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