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Legislative Council Select Committee
The Firefighters Presumptive Rights and Compensation and
Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

Dear Committee Members please note-

1. There has been an appalling, disgraceful, and demeaning lack of consultation by the Andrews government to CFA volunteers, captains, group officers, permanent and part time staff, even our own chief officer. Our supporting organisation Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade have been denied inclusion in negotiations.
2. Loss of morale, indignation, control of our resources and concern for the future is rampant.
3. Lumping proposed presumptive rights legislation in with reforms is a devious ploy and fooling no one.
4. Seconding the proposed Fire Rescue Victoria personnel to manage CFA volunteers is laughable. Members of the militant United Firefighters Union controlling volunteers will not work. Volunteers "JUST DO IT"! Unionists require the backing, guidance and support of a proposed 400 page enterprise bargaining agreement to do their duty.
5. It appears that CFA management will not be able to employ its own staff. The workload in rural areas over the years is erratic. Why not consider employing casual, part time, seasonal and permanent staff from the vast pool of dedicated, experienced and trained volunteers. Remote integrated stations like Wangaratta need this support.

Thank you, Dennis Crouch, Secretary, Treasurer, Firefighter of 16 years service, Knowsley Fire Brigade,
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