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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees
INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

I am Station Officer David Tyquin.

Employed by Metropolitan Fire Brigade for 27 years.

I live in Sunbury which is an integrated fire service and my place of employment is Preston Fire Station.

My reasons for writing this submission in support of the fire services reform are as follows.

- I live in one of the integrated areas and with both professional and volunteers fire fighters working together, there never seems to be a problem.
- My community is now a lot safer due to this combination of professionals and volunteers working together.
- I am guaranteed that a fire truck will be dispatched within 8 minutes which therefore will limit any damage that could be done from fire.
- A guaranteed response will also save lives. (better protection for the community).
- As a fire fighter, I know how a minimum of 7 fire fighters on scene makes a massive difference to the end result of a fire.
- It will not interfere with any volunteer fire stations just as it hasn't in the past.
- In the areas that have become highly populated, a guaranteed response is now essential to the safety of their community.
- It will make the training of fire fighters to an equal standard state wide. (reducing the cost of training)

The overall reasons really come down to what is best for the State of Victoria and the communities within it.

It should not be a question of what is best for a political party and used as a pawn for a politician to gain a favour from a decision that may gain them votes in an election.

Therefore the only decision to be made is quite simple as the reforms guarantee that the safety of all Victorians will be for the betterment of the State.

Let's hope your decision does not set our great State of Victoria back into the dark ages and but steps us up to the frontline in fire fighting.

Regards,

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