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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 Rob Dore. I have been a Station Officer with the MFB for the past 15 years.

I am a Fire Safety Inspector.

I have a mother and sister who live outside the MFD in Hampton Park and Cranbourne.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons;

- The fire services reform provides an opportunity for all of Victorias fire services in built up areas to have a guaranteed 7 minute response
- It also provides the framework for two truck response (7 firefighters) which ensures a safer working environment for firefighters responding to structural fires
- As residents of Hampton Park and Cranbourne, my mother and sister do not receive the same fire coverage as a resident living in the MFD as they live outside the MFD. This is of great concern to me.
- The MFD must be expanded to reflect the needs of an expanding community. A community that should be comforted in the knowledge that they have 24/7 fire services available to respond within the expected times.
- The public are led to believe that this proposed merger would be costly to taxpayers. However the opposite would be true. Consolidate all departments relieving the need for two payrolls or two fire chiefs etc.
- The volunteering model today is very different to its original intention if helping a neighbour or neighbouring farms in case of fire. People living in urban areas cannot provide the same level of service as a full time fire service.
- The enhanced EMR capability would also be of great comfort for myself to know that my family and the community will be better served in the case of a medical emergency.

Yours Sincerely

Rob Dore

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