



Yalla-Y-Poorra Rural Fire Brigade
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7 July 2017

The Select Committee
Parliament of Victoria
Spring St
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Select Committee

I am writing on behalf of the Yalla-Y-Poorra Rural Fire Brigade to register our deep concern against the Fire Services Reform Bill 2017.

Yalla-Y-Poorra Rural Fire Brigade is part of the Westmere Fire Brigades Group, located in the western part of Victoria. Some of our major concerns are as follows:

- Complete lack of consultation with volunteers via the VFBV
- Loss of surge capacity during major fires
- The devaluation of volunteers, impacting on morale and future membership
- The Presumptive Rights legislation, affecting the compensation outcomes for volunteer firefighters
- Lack of understanding by the Andrews government about how the CFA actually operates

The Yalla-Y-Poorra Rural Fire Brigade urge the government to undertake extensive consultation processes with all stakeholders and show volunteers the respect they deserve.

Yours sincerely

Tim Barr
Captain

