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Mr Jonathan Rundell
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Dear Assistant Clerk Committee,

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

My name is Jonathan Rundell, and I have been a career firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for 2 years. I live in Newport and am currently stationed at Fire Station 49, North Laverton, a suburb that shares several borders with both paid and volunteer CFA stations and brigades.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services. The North Laverton fire station covers an area that is heavily industrial comprising of factories, warehouses and distribution centres. It is home to many facilities that house and produce a number of dangerous goods that increase the risk of a major hazard occurring. Like many other suburbs on the fringe of the Metropolitan Fire District, it is also an area that is constantly growing and we are seeing new premises being constructed every week. People and businesses in these areas deserve to have the same fire services coverage as their neighbours and it is therefore vital that the MFD boundaries adapt to this urban sprawl.

As a firefighter, it is essential to know that at least two trucks with a minimum of seven fully trained personnel are dispatched to firecalls. As the first appliance on scene, we can get to work immediately and enter a premise knowing that the second appliance is only a couple of minutes behind us and can provide support when required. These procedures provide safety and security not only to the firefighters, but also the occupants whose lives may be a risk in a fire. Furthermore, it also ensures that damage is minimised to structures and other assets.

It is also important that all career firefighters in Victoria be employed and trained by one fire service. Training and equipment should be the same for all career firefighters to ensure that every urbanised area within the state has the same protection.

Over the last two years I have witnessed the strain that the MFB/CFA dispute has had on firefighters. We

have been directly attacked in newspapers and on radio causing stress and anxiety to firefighters and their families and the community have read many lies which has damaged our public image.
The proposed reforms are vital to safeguard the safety of all Victorians.

Yours Sincerely,

Jonathan Rundell



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