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Mr & Mrs Leonard and Janet Kirchner  
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We write to support the Liberal Nationals' motion to refer the above bills to a committee for consultation and improvement and note that the Legislative Council voted in support of the motion.

- We are not in favour of breaking up the CFA Volunteer Brigades which have served our rural needs for many years.
- We see no benefits of merging with MFB, or any uncalled for interference from them in CFA's operations. In our experience we have found the CFA volunteers ever ready to advise on fire prevention and, in the event of large fires, combine with the needs of other brigades to combat these fires, often distant from their home base.
- We are concerned that this contemplated intrusion into CFA will affect the morale of these men and women and lead to a reduction in brigade strength, impact on fire service delivery across Victoria, as well as possible impact on service costs.
- Further to the above, it would seem that the Andrews Government has attempted to prevent volunteers from having a voice in this matter, a denial of democratic rights.

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