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Attention the Fire Services Bill Select Committee.

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to go to raise some of my concerns about the Fire Services Legislation.

I am a 3rd generation CFA Volunteer and have 30years experience. I have been Brigade communications officer, group secretary and am now 4th Lieutenant of the Dunrobin/Nangeela rural fire brigade. I have always been very proud to be a CFA volunteer as have my family from my grandfather,father,mother, sisters, and brother. My husband, daughter and son are all CFA volunteers as well I guess you could say that CFA runs in our veins.

My concerns are:

I do not understand the need to split the CFA. Brigades in rural areas are a great way to get the local community together and is a great way to keep an eye on each other and make sure that we are all in good spirits.

Why has there been very little consultation with the volunteers no one has bothered to explain any of the Legislation to us and it is very disappointing to think that volunteers have been treated in this way. Volunteers save the state government a lot of money every year doing what we do but we are not important enough to talk too. I feel that the Volunteers have been left to fend for themselves.

With the FRV having control over all staff.

What is the cost to contract back the staff like the Operations Officer, Operations Manager ect.

I do not understand how the FRV will be of any help to the volunteers. as they will have all the say in what we do, what equipment we receive and who does the training.

The Presumptive Rights (cancer) legislation does not treat all firefighters as equal as the volunteers have to be considered by a panel to see if they are eligible for compensation/treatment where as the paid firefighters are automatically granted access to treatment and compensation.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully
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