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From: Jeremy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 6 July 2017 11:22 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Fire Services Bill

To Whom it may Concern ,

I am writing to you in regards to my concerns with the Fire Service Bill which has recently been presented to the Upper House for consideration .

I have many concerns and not the least of them is the secrecy that was involved in the drafting of this bill . The disappointment that both career and volunteers

were not consulted during the writing of this bill nor was senior operation team of the CFA . When the Andrews government released to the press about the proposed split

of the CFA , with all career staff and the MFB joining to make a new fire service the CFA chief started to visit many CFA Brigades . During these visits to sell the Fire Services Bill the

CFA Chief was unable to tell career or volunteers how this bill would affect fire fighters or how these changes would make the community safer or serve them better than they are

being served now .

Along with many other reasons I am most concerned about the 35 integrated brigades being stripped from the CFA with career fire fighters moving to the FRV . I believe this

will leave CFA volunteers left in these locations with little to no equipment and no area to turn out in . This will not help with morale or to retain volunteers in these locations for

fire fighting or much need surge capacity when there are major urban fires or bush fires .

I hope in some way this explains some of the reasons why more consultation is required before implementing these changes . I am not against change and I think the Fire Services

need to have change but in the right way . We do not want to rush such changes to suit certain factions and live to regret it .

Yours Sincerely

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