



The Secretary
Glenlyon Group
Country Fire Authority

Assistant Clerk Committees
Department of Legislative Services
Fire Services Bill Select Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002

Dear Sir/Madam,


Fire Services Reform Select Committee 2017 Submission

Our Group wishes to make the following submission as to concerns with regards to the above;

1. The Presumptive Rights Compensation Legislation Fire Services Amendment Reform should be two (2) separate pieces of legislation.
2. The rights of volunteers under the Presumptive Rights Compensation legislation should be the same as paid firefighters as we are exposed to the same risks and hazards.
3. There has been no consultation with brigades as to the changes and the impact of new legislation both outlined in 1 above.
4. What will be the impact on 'Surge Capacity' when dealing with fires due to the splitting of fire services?
5. Goodwill is eroding and members are leaving due to uncertainties of what will be the final outcome.
6. There is simply a black box approach to proposed changes no one knows what will happen or how things will be done.
7. What will be the impact on training of volunteers with fulltime staff going across to Fire Services Victoria as training is already an issue, and finally
8. The total process fails to address 'The commitment' outlined in the last paragraph of the Volunteer Charter.

Should wish to discuss these points in further my contact details are as above and we are not seeking confidentiality

Yours sincerely,


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Secretary Glenlyon Group
6 July 2017