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Amendment

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you to express my concern of the joining of two very important subjects together in one Bill.

Presumptive Legislation and forming one Fire Service for Victoria.

In all the Fire inquiries there has never been a suggestion to unite the MFB or the CFA paid staff into one organisation in Victoria.

There has been no consultation with volunteers, which contravenes the Volunteer Charter, signed by the Government to help protect and support CFA Volunteers in Victoria.

Having attended a District 13 Meeting at Monbulk recently where Mr. Marlino addressed the meeting of over 250 volunteers, paid staff of both CFA and MFB he informed us that in politics you take the good with the bad and you couldn't pick out the goods bits and leave the others. That was not how politics were run. Take it or leave it, it was not being separated.

Victoria would not be able to pay for the Fire service it has today, but I feel that if this Bill goes through Parliament then the 35 integrated brigades will lose most of their volunteers from these brigades which in turn effects the surge capacity that is needed in a major fire situation.

My plea to you is to seperate the two items and leave the volunteers alone to do their job of protecting Victoria.

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