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Submission to the Fire Services Select Committee 2017

To the Chair, Deputy Chair and Members of the Select Committee please consider the following submission for your consideration and review in regards to the Fire Services Select Committee.

As a Leading Firefighter in the MFB I strongly support the proposed Bill in regards to the restructuring of both the MFB and CFA and the creation of Fire Rescue Victoria.

I currently work in Hawthorn and live in the inner city, areas that have been protected by full time professional firefighters for over the past 100 years. I cannot understand why there has there has not been a review of the Metropolitan Fire District as Melbourne's population has grown.

Please find listed below the supporting argument for Fire Services Reform

Victoria's population has nearly doubled since 1966 from 3.2 million people to 6.1 million people. Most of this population growth has occurred in areas on the edge of Melbourne which were once considered "Country".

The fire service delivery in these outer Melbourne areas has not kept up with the growing demand in these areas as demonstrated in the Fire Preparedness Review earlier this year. The demands of modern society mean that many volunteers do not work in the areas that they volunteer- leading to a reduction in coverage during certain hours of the day.

Emergency Medical Response in participation with Ambulance Victoria is not provided equally across Greater Melbourne. As a trained member of the MFB's Emergency Response program (who has participated in documented saves) I have seen first hand how effective the Emergency Medical Response

program is in saving Victorian lives.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

regards,

Thomas Slocum



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