

**Kirra Vanzetti**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 July 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

I am [REDACTED], Leading Firefighter in the MFB, currently stationed at Bundoora fire station number 14, I have been a firefighter for 5 years. My address is [REDACTED].

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

-As a firefighter that we have guaranteed back up on the fireground, a 2 appliance turnout with 7appropriately trained firefighters dispatched so that we can perform our duties in a safe and timely manner. Recently our neighbouring station in South Morang have gone full time and have noticed the difference in turnout times with them getting to calls at approximately the same time as opposed to often never being on scene when the station was part time.

-I live in Doreen, a very populated area serviced by a volunteer service which is not EMR capable, this is of great concern to me as I have 3 young children, one of which has required emergency medical treatment. If we were serviced by a full time fire service we would have had fully trained EMR capable firefighters on their way in 90 seconds. My elderly parents also live in the area which also concerns me if anything was to happen to them. I've recently sold my property and this was a big factor in our decision and we are now moving to an area that is serviced by the MFB (Greensborough).

-I cannot fathom how having a better coverage and response times for the community can be a bad thing. Surely having more firefighters respond to more jobs with a quicker response time can only be a positive for the wider community.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Please keep name, address and phone number confidential.

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