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This submission forms my personal views and is not a representation of the MFB, its Board or wider stakeholders.

My Name is Phillip Wilkinson, I am a leading Firefighter in the MFB. I joined the MFB as a recruit in 2005.

I currently work as part of the marine response capability within the MFB, and also hold several specialist qualifications in the Hazmat and Breathing Apparatus vertical within the MFB.

Since I joined the MFB as a young recruit, I have seen a significant change in the urban environment within which we operate and feel that the current region within which the full-time members within the Victorian fire services operate is not reflective of the modern cities Victoria is home to.

I have family members who live in highly urbanised regions of Victoria which are still considered "regional" and not considered as having the need for a permanent staff on call in the event of an emergency.

I feel that given the current structure of Victoria's fire services, in some areas, we are ill-equipped to sufficiently respond to and manage any potential emergency that may occur.

With a reform in the structure of Victoria's Fire Services, I feel that in my capacity, I can work with both fulltime and volunteers to ensure a stronger, more effective emergency response capability for the people of Victoria.

Initiatives such as Emergency First Response is a valuable asset to the people of Victoria, but is currently unavailable to many within the time that may make a difference.

For myself as a career firefighter and father of 2 young children, having confidence in the direction of the organisation within which I work is critical, and I hope that the direction it takes one which will prove beneficial for the future of Victoria and its population.

Kind regards,

Phillip Wilkinson

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