

Name: [REDACTED]
Rank: Firefighter
Station: [REDACTED]
Fire Service: Metropolitan Fire Brigade

I am a Firefighter with the MFB and support the proposed alignment of Professional Firefighters within Victoria.

I believe key benefits would be for Victorian residents in fringe areas of the Melbourne District along with those in developed and developing metropolitan areas across the state that now justify a full time fire service with EMR capabilities. Combining the services allows both to benefit from a shared knowledge and wealth of experience that facilitates enhanced interoperability for a better delivery of service to the community.

The prolonged dispute has a negative result on morale and perpetuates a perceived divide between firefighters and the community that we serve every day. I have on multiple occasions been questioned by members of the public why we (MFB firefighters) hate the CFA and other equally untrue sentiments that are perpetuated by some media streams and do a disservice to the public and those who aim to work for them.

I look forward to a future with Fire Rescue Victoria that supports and facilitates growth within our state and of the networks in place to protect Victorians.

Please keep my name, employment details and any other identifying factors private and confidential.

Regards,

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