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Subject: Re: New Submission to Inquiry into the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017

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I am currently a full-time staff firefighter. Previous to this role, I was also a volunteer firefighter.

I am in full support of the fire services reform.

The toxic culture created through the decades of disputes and tension with both the UFU and VFBV has reached breaking point. The Victorian fire services in its current formation is no longer sustainable or effective for Victorians.

We need to start again, build new relationships and create a more effective service for the community.

From the information that has been given to me so far about how this reform will work, I don't believe it will affect the importance of volunteers and their current roles in the community. Volunteers are and always will be necessary for fire-fighting in Victoria and that will never change.

The new independent fire district review panel is a long overdue solution for deciding when an area requires a fully manned station. I think this is the most important part of the reform as it truly puts Victorians first, which should be both staff firefighters as well as volunteer firefighters main concern.

This reform should not be about politics, egos, nor what the UFU or the VFBV contradictorily think is best. This reform should be about the deciding on the best outcome to provide the safest service for the community.