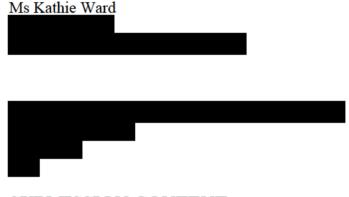|	
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Ms Kathie Ward

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I have read the outline of the proposed changes and offer the following comments:

We need to change and this appears a reasonable and effective way of implementation. The state of Victoria and Melbourne is not the same as it was over 100 years ago when the current structure and boundaries were implemented. While I understand that there have been some changes made over decades, more are needed. In fact, the change is long overdue, the need for them having been raised (I believe) as long ago as the 1980's and 1990's.

I have a lot of respect and admiration for both CFA and MFB fire-fighters, but I am also aware of a reluctance to change amongst certain groups as well as a tendency to cite a long history of service as the basis to retain the structure we now have. This simply will not work.

I was disgusted at the amount of political posturing and manipulation that took place during the most recent national election - both from certain national and state politicians of a certain party - as they tried to cling blindly to an outmoded and ineffective way to address the problem.

What is paramount is that change is needed to ensure that a high standard fire safety structure is provided to Victoria in the most effective way now and in the future. We all, including Victorian citizens, the CFA and the MFB and the Parliament must implement these changes as effectively as possible to ensure the best outcomes for us all.

Sincerely yours - Kathie Ward

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