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Subject: Fire Service Review Submission
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Hi my name is [REDACTED], my phone number is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED]
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I would like to say the failure to integrate the metropolitan and country fire authorities into one service is severely impacting on the fire service quality across victoria. Further to this, it is only creating a long term cost that is going be a greater complication to the Victorian people as time passes. The clear long term planning issues this divide presents in relation to training, procurement, culture, community relations / education and most importantly operations is the greatest reason to reform the victorian fire service. This reform has been beneficial to other states in Australia and I believe it to be a shame that Victoria is lagging in regards to this matter.

I believe if this reform fails to proceed and an incident that involves an injury, loss of life or large material cost occurs. In an area that is currently labeled as CFA area but would have been rezoned to have a higher level of cover had the reforms taken place. Then a community backlash is inevitable, especially if it is during the summer peak fire season. This community backlash would create loss of faith in the fire service, the politicians that failed to reform the service and this committee.

I have mentioned a higher level of cover, I would like you to know by this i mean the following:

- Seven firefighters on the fireground, to ensure world minimum standards.
- Firefighters that are trained to unified standards to ensure safe fireground practices.
- Uniform response models to allow coordinated fire service functions (especially during peak fire season).

As a voting citizen I believe this issue greatly influences my voting preference and I everyone I have educated as to the facts of this matter.

I would like to make it clear that I request confidentiality on this matter but would be happy to talk to you in regards to providing any extra information you require.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]