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Dear Inquiry Committee,  
**INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS  
COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT  
(REFORM) BILL 2017**

My name is James Keritz, I am a Fire fighter with 3 years of experience with the MFB. In that time I have been stationed at Richmond fire station (fire station 10) and Nunawading fire station (fire station 27) how ever this job involves moving around and experiencing stations all throughout the metropolitan area. I am writing today to show my support for the the proposed reform of the fire services.

I believe that joining the two separate professional fire services working in cooperation in the same state can only have a positive outcome. Standardized protocols and equipment will result in safer and more comprehensive emergency responses. The current outdated fire services system is therefore putting people, properties and firefighters at risk.

Having fire service boundaries that have not been significantly changed in 60 years just shows further the need for change. As our population grows and many urban areas become wrongly zoned as "country" many areas are not receiving the fire service response that is required. This reform is vital towards giving the victorians in those areas a modern fire service system that caters the needs that are formed in these busy urban areas. Please don't wait for something to go wrong as a reason for change. Passing this legislation would mean a positive result for all Victorians  
Yours sincerely,  
- James Keritz

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