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From: Marc Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 9:01 PM
To: LCSC
Subject: Presumptive rights compensation and fire reform

Dear sir/ madam,

As a professional firefighter for 35 years with the MFB, I think I am well credentialed to comment on the presumptive rights compensation and the proposed fire reform with both MFB and CFA professional firefighters.

I am all for the reform, as it would unite both services and give Victoria a level of fire cover that they deserve.

As Melbourne grows, so does the residential landscape. It stretches into the urban fringes of Melbourne, creating a bigger and wide spread fire district. Having both services combined would accommodate our ever-growing urban sprawl and provide a more efficient and cost effective fire service for Victoria.

The volunteers would also benefit by becoming their own entity. They would become one service with specialized training and would be able to provide a first class service for all Victorians as they have done for many years.

I am in total agreeance with the proposed reform, FRV. With one board, one chief, one training schedule, one uniform and same equipment for everyone would save money and become more efficient.

In closing, my family (wife and three children) would be looked after with the presumptive rights compensation if anything was to happen to me. In the early days of my career we encountered many toxic fires (Coode island, butlers transport co. And united transport co.) we did not really know what we may have been contaminated with, as signage and labeling of these toxic chemicals was quite lax. I have lost several colleagues who have died of cancer, and by coincidence a majority of these firefighters fought the above fires.

I hope that you and your committee see fit to pass both these amendments, as you will make the lives of myself, my colleagues and fellow victorians feel much safer and be a relieved group of people.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Bradley.

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