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**Subject:** CFA fire Service Reform

To Who it may concern.

The Franklindford Rural Fire Brigade held a meeting on 4th July 2017 and discussion was held regarding the Fire Service Reform. The meeting was attended by 17 active members and all were unanimous in submitting the following concerns about the proposed reform. No member is willing to support the new proposal.

1. The CFA is and has been delivering Fire and Rescue services for decades in an efficient and professional manner to the state of Victoria. Over the years it has continued to develop and grow to meet the demands of population and infrastructure within the state. Volunteers have worked alongside paid staff very successfully and there is no reason why this can't continue under the one banner CFA. The statement made that is hasn't changed since the 1950's is far from the truth, the state is well equipped with modern fire fighting equipment and service delivery structure that works extremely well.
2. What benefit is there in dividing the service by names as the job performed will be the same, but delivered by two different agencies.
3. Where is the current structure failing.
4. How is the new structure going to better serve the state with fire and rescue services.
5. All the statements about better training, more money for new stations and equipment should be able to be equally deliverable under the existing system.
6. Creating a new agency and running parallel with each other will come at a much higher cost to the state how will this provide a better service delivery.
7. Trying to manage two agencies responding to the same emergency will create confusion to the responders and the public and that is not what is needed. Where is the gain ?.

A response to the above comments would be appreciated.

Sent on behalf of the Franklindford Fire Brigade from minuted meeting.

Captain Noel Richards