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Dear Honourable Member,

My name is Michael Hastie and I currently live at [REDACTED]. I am a professional MFB Firefighter with over 32 years experience, currently working at Victoria Emergency Management Training Complex, Craigieburn.

I wish to express my support for the proposed fire service reform.

Serving most of my career in the northern, outer suburbs and living in country Victoria, I have seen large amounts of change within the urban- rural interface. The current boundaries set within Melbourne fire districts are outdated and obsolete due to vast expansion of Melbourne's outer suburbs.

These antiquated boundaries need to be modernised to meet the demands of a growing population and community safety. It is my belief that all Victorians deserve a modern, well equipped fire service that has a rapid 8 minute response with 7 professional, career firefighters on two fire appliances as a minimum standard needed in urbanised areas.

Fire service reform will ensure the safety of the constituents and all communities in a growing state. Additionally it will ensure the safety of our firefighters and stop them working outside of safe work practices, placing themselves and members of the community at risk.

In conclusion, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person, as my experiences as a professional firefighter would give further support and understanding about the importance of this much needed reform.

Yours sincerely,

Leading Firefighter
Michael Hastie- 3785

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