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Having served the CFA as a volunteer under it's current form for 65 years, I have observed the many changes that have occurred during that time.

These changes have been for the benefit of the organisation, not so the changes that are proposed in this reconstruction.

Whilst we agree that some changes at times are necessary for any organisation to survive, but only for when they benefit the organisation, not for what is proposed in this restructure.

The CFA is recognised world wide as a unique and much admired fire service. CFA staff have at times journeyed overseas to help set up various country's fire services, surely this must tell us that the CFA, under its present form, must be well recognised.

During the early 1980's the then Labour Government, with its Minister for Police & Emergency Services, Race Mathews, had the same intentions to change Victoria's Services. As we all know now it failed miserably and I only hope this proposal does the same. Most of us would agree that some of the outer Metropolitan areas should no longer be classed as Country and could belong to another fire service. These would include Greater Dandenong, Springvale, Frankston etc.

The intergrated fire service brigades in real country Victoria under this proposal will find it difficult to retain volunteers who for many years have served their Brigades and communities with distinction.

The long serving mission of the CFA for many years has been to save life and property, which I believe it has done most creditably.

Please respect our volunteers. Bill Royal A.S.F.M.

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