

Carranballac Fire Brigade

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LCSCC

Victorian Parliament

**Dear LCSCC
Victorian Parliament**

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Carranballac Country Fire Brigade feel the need to express our disapproval of the proposed splitting of the CFA. We as a Brigade in Region 16 Westmere Group, feel we have not had any chance of consultation or input into this decision.

As well as a serious lack of community consultation, the costs of such a split will be so unnecessary, we have worked hard to gather our assets, equipment and knowledge.

We feel volunteer brigades will break down and we will struggle to protect our isolated communities in the future from fire, disaster assistance and accidents as well as the many other volunteer jobs our Brigade members provide, while waiting on the paid member!

This decision will have such a negative impact on our Volunteer morale. Those with the local knowledge in the local area are always known for their prompt, professional approach, with local volunteers running management, we are family and easily support each other in any situation. The Carranballac Fire Brigade feel disheartened with this serious discrimination against the volunteers in our large family in the Westmere Group and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Liston

CFA Captain

Carranballac Brigade

Sincerely,

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