

Submission
Fire Services Bill

To Whom it may Concern,

I have been a Volunteer with the C.F.A. For 44 years.

During this time I have undertaken training on a regular basis with no questions asked until the UFU and Mr Marshall have been trying to take control of the C.F.A.

The Labour government and the UFU are keeping these changes very close and not letting the full impact of this reform out.

The volunteers who have not been consulted until the cross benches decided to ask questions and visit the volunteer stations in their electorates and in due course voted to have this Parliamentary Inquiry.

There are many questions that need to be answered before this bill should be re tabled.

Finances

Training

Infrastructure

Replacement of our aging C.F.A. Fleet

Effect on Fire services Levy

Is this another way for the UFU to take control of the C.F.A. ?

What happens to the structure of the C.F.A. Board ?

Is the C.F.A Chief Officer Volunteer or UFU ?

I have not been happy with the way in which the Government is trying to force the bill on us as they tried to force the dirty EBA on us.

The Volunteer charter was brought in to protect the volunteers but the Labour Government does not seem to respect it

As for the Presumptive Legislation what a way to try and bribe volunteers. This needs to be dealt with separately and all firefighters should be dealt with equally.

Also I do not like being regarded as incompetent and unsafe to protect Victorians from fire.

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