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To the committee

I'm [REDACTED] a Station Officer with the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB), in the State of Victoria. I have been employed by the MFB for 29 and half years. I currently hold the rank of Station Officer and I have held this rank for over 6 years.

As well as holding the rank of Station Officer I hold the following qualification:

- i. Certificate II in Firefighting Operations
- ii. Certificate III in Firefighting Operations
- iii. Certificate IV in Firefighting Operations (Station Officer)
- iv. Mk3, Mk4, and Mk5 Pumpers and Pumper Tanker
- v. Teleboom
- vi. Water Tanker
- vii. Road Rescue
- viii. LPG Flare Off
- ix. Urban Search and Rescue
- x. Emergency Medical Responder

I have also received the National Medal, Long Service Medal for 15, 20, and 25 years service also The National Emergency Medal for the 2009 Victorian Bush Fires

In Victoria, we require more professional firefighters to staff fire stations twenty four hours per day. For example, in densely populated areas in the eastern and southern suburbs, turn-out times is delayed because stations are not staffed and require Volunteers to be paged then go to their stations and wait for a crew to turn up before they can turn-out.

In a time critical situation this is not acceptable. As we all pay for an efficient fire cover through our fire levy.

Where I live which is 1 street away from the MFB / CFA boundary I'm currently covered by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Volunteers. so what does that mean to me and other in my street:

- More cost in my house insurance
- More cost in the Fire Levy
- NO EMR response
- Un sure if the crew turning up to a fire in my house are BA qualified (as all career Firefighter are as a part of their recruit training not an afterthought)
- Un sure of how many will turn up

In my 29 and a half years of service I have been worried about the safety of my family while I've been on nightshift, and now **You** have the power and I hope the **vision** to see that the future and go forward with the times and allow all Victorians who live in the urban areas not just Melbourne to have all the fire protection and services that are available .

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

I wish this submission to remain confidential.

Thank You

