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Dear Assistant clerk Committees

Please keep my name and contact details confidential.

Please accept my submission in support of fire service reform.

Kind regards

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Inquiry into the Firefighters presumptive rights compensation and fire services legislation amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

I am [REDACTED] Senior Station Officer and have been employed with the MFB for 18 years.

I hold a Bachelor of Commerce, Graduate Certificate in Management and a Diploma in Project Management. I am also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I live and work in the Melbourne CBD.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons:

The reform brings about increased community and firefighter welfare. The inclusion of the presumptive legislation in the reform shows that the government values the work and the sacrifices that firefighters make for their community. It is a sign of respect and is in alignment with core Victorian public sector values.

In addition, the importance of guaranteed and timely response of 7 firefighters on the fire ground is of paramount importance to firefighter and community safety. In the situation of a house fire with persons trapped, it allows the incident controller to more confidently commit to sending fire fighting crews inside to perform a rescue, knowing that there is adequate back up and resources available. Setting this standard increases safety and the effectiveness and efficiency of protecting life and property.

Employing all career firefighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer surge capacity and the reform is mainly centred around the 35 integrated stations that are now operating in highly urbanised areas.

Creating one fire service for professional firefighters will encapsulate many of the fire service review recommendations and increase the standardisation of career training, equipment, and response to community needs.

Yours sincerely

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