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Subject Submission: FIREFIGHTERS'  
PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS  
COMPENSATION AND FIRE  
SERVICES LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017

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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

\*Confidential\*. I request my Name and identity be kept confidential, but my submission to be considered by the committee.

**INQUIRY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION AND FIRE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2017**

I am [REDACTED], Qualified Firefighter, Hallam Fire Station. I have been employed with the CFA since 2013 and specialise as a hazardous materials operator and EMR trained.

I live in Mitcham and work in Hallam

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

It is important to both me and my wife and children that I am protected by high standards of safety in my role as a firefighter. To ensure the safety of me and my fellow comrades it is important to have guaranteed backup - guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes. This will mean my health and safety is not at risk, and better community safety and protection

I believe employing all career firefighters in one fire service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity and that volunteer support will be maintained with operational firefighters (OO's OMs etc being employed by FRV but continuing their roles through an arrangement with CFA.

The reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas – no effect on other volunteer brigades or bushfire response

The 35 areas are now highly urbanised – high residential and other risks

The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment etc

I believe it there will be many benefits to have all career staff being employed by one fire service including more training opportunities and increased resources and knowledge sharing and more career opportunities.

The constant negative media coverage regarding the EBA and the media and now the general public has questioning my commitment as a firefighter has caused considerable strain to my mental health, and also stress to my family.

Yours sincerely,

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