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To Consultation/DTF@DTF
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Subject Submission Fire Services Reform

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my submission to the Fire Services Reform Committee .

Regards,

Carl Menze

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By email: consultation@dpc.vic.gov.au

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

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

1. My name is Carl Menze

- I'm a Qualified Firefighter at Corio Fire Station employed by the Country Fire Authority (CFA)
- I have been employed as a firefighter since 12 May 2014.
- I hold a variety of specialist qualifications/increments including Teleboom Operator, Heavy Hazmat Operator, BA Support Operator and HAZMAT/CBR.

2. I live in Anglesea **and work in** the Geelong's northern suburbs, primarily Norlane and Corio.

3. I grew up as a CFA volunteer at both the Plenty and Hurstbridge Rural brigades. School, Work and Sporting commitments and a considerable time working abroad reduced my involvement as a CFA volunteer.

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

- I have been fortunate to work at large career stations (Ballarat City and Corio) therefore I have experienced the benefit of having 7 on the fireground on numerous occasions.
- The proposed restructure will not affect the majority of CFA stations as it will only be the 35 integrated stations primary response areas where the change is implemented. These 35 areas are highly urbanised with significant fire risk.
- I fail to see how the creation of FRV will result in a reduction in volunteer response or surge capacity. The vast majority of volunteer stations do not even abut integrated areas.
- The reform will assist with standardisation of career training/specialist response/response standards and equipment.
- We regularly attend fires and incidents within Corio's primary area and have no volunteer attendance. These include fully involved structure fires, various non-structure fires including car fires, motor vehicle accidents, grass fires, gas leaks, alarms etc.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Menze

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