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Subject Fire Services Reform

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

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

I have been a firefighter with the MFB for 2 years.

I live in the suburb of Beaumaris and am currently stationed at Highett fire station.

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

- The fire services reform provides an opportunity for all of Victoria's fire services in built up areas to have a swift 7 minute response time.
- The reform will provide the framework for two truck (7 fire fighter minimum) response on scene.
- This will in turn equalise the service for people who live in high density areas, which are currently serviced by volunteer brigades, to receive the same response as residence of the metropolitan area of Melbourne. All residents of Victoria pay the same fire services levy, however there is a significant difference in the fire services being provided from region to region.
- The proposed fire services reform will not affect the contribution/position of volunteers
- There will be a guaranteed professional firefighter response which will provide a safer workplace for fighters and better outcomes for the public.
- Increased EMR capabilities and presence in the aforementioned areas.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Pitts

Highett FS

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