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Subject Fire Services Reform Select
Committee - Submission

Dear Committee Members,

My name is [REDACTED], I have been employed with the M.F.B. for 8 years and hold the rank of Leading Fire-fighter. Prior to joining the M.F.B. I was a volunteer fire-fighter with the C.F.A. for 5 years.

I fully support the prospect of fire service reform .

In my experience, increased permanent staff numbers in built up urban areas could only improve service delivery to the community. Time to on-scene is a significant factor in fire progression in a structure. Furthermore, being able to guarantee the fire-fighter skill-set on the fire-ground is a significant factor in the fire-fighting tactics that can safely be employed on the fire-ground.

I am passionate about fire-fighting and have loved working as both a volunteer and a paid fire-fighter. There are significant cultural differences that exist between volunteer station and staff stations. In my opinion the best way to preserve the volunteer culture that currently exists is to split the CFA volunteers into their own organisation where they cannot be drawn in to industrial disputes.

This dispute has taken its toll on me and my family and I would desperately love this industrial dispute to end, and for the proposed reform to move forward .

Kind Regards

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I would like my name to be confidential please .