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Subject Submission to Fire Services Reform  
Commission

To the Fire Services Reform Commission,

I am a Senior Station Officer with the MFB currently stationed at Eastern Hill Fire Station , and have worked for the MFB for over twelve years. I am very proud to be a MFB firefighter .

I live in the suburb of Frankston which has an integrated CFA station . The support from volunteers in my area and surrounding suburbs is a credit to them as many do work normal hours ( 9-5) within their day jobs, and then dedicate time to the CFA.

However, if the Frankston crew had to respond to a fire at my home I would be concerned there would not be sufficient resources to effectively extinguish the fire in a short period of time, given there may be no second or third truck, which are generally crewed by volunteers.

This is also a safety risk for the crews going in for a search and rescue or internal attack to suppress the fire . As an officer within the MFB I know that we operate with safety as our primary focus and will not send crews in without extra personnel to facilitate safe and effective rescue or firefighting when at a call . Seven on the fire ground is vital.

I would support the same type of safety systems for my peers in the CFA .

Having reform of our fire services provides an opportunity to improve many facets across both organisations to provide a modern and stable workforce. This would result in a resetting of the unfavourable relationship between the services, ending the Industrial Relations disputation so that we can all move forward with a positive vision of our future.

I strongly believe that Victoria needs this reform, to provide a modern fire service to the expanding community it serves and to provide a safer work environment for those that work within it .

Kind regards,

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