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> To whom it may concern .
> My name is Tyson Harrington, I am a MFB firefighter , I have been employed as a Firefighter for 29 years
> I have the Rank of Leading Firefighter , I have the qualifications of
> - Certificate 2 in Public Safety (firefighting and emergency operations
> - Certificate 3 in Public Safety (firefighting and emergency operations).
> - Road Rescue Operater
> -Teleboom Operator
> -Emergency Responder
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> I thank the committee for the opportunity to make this submission .
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> I want to say that I support the Bill and the reform , I feel that Victorians will see the benefit of the reforms with increased capability of Fire Rescue Victoria being able to respond in 7.7 minutes within the urban areas of Victoria
> I recently attended a Fire call for a alarm of Fire at a residential unit block in Caroline Springs , I was stationed at Taylor's Lakes Fire station(48 MFB) for the day , we took seven minutes to get on scene with Deer Park Fire Station (41 MFB) . The CFA Volunteers were turning out with us and did not make it on scene , upon return to the station we enquires why the CFA Volunteers did not make it to the call and the answer was that there was no one available to respond . Here in lies the problem with Volunteers staffing the Urban corridors of Victoria, they simply cannot do the job of a professional Firefighter ready and available to respond within 7.7 minutes
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> The CFA Volunteers give up there time and effort and they should be thoroughly commended.However if the Fire Service review has a vote of YES and is implemented across Victoria then I feel the community will get a better response times in their times of need within the Urban areas of Victoria
> I originally come from a town in the South West of Victoria named Colac , the Volunteers in this area will not be effected in any shape or form with the Reform , they will still turn out and do they wonderful job that they do now .
> It will be the same for all Rural areas of Victoria in that there will be no adverse effects on any CFA Volunteer station or Volunteers
> Even in the Urban fringes the 35 Co-located Stations will remain the status-quo .
> No Volunteers will be effected !
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> I fully support the Fire service Reform and see the mere fact that Victorian Government has put aside funding for training and Education of the CFA volunteers as a sign that the Government wants the CFA Volunteers to be the best they can

> With thanks
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