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Sir/Madam,

Please find the following comments for the Committee's consideration :

- The information provided to CFA PTA employees at this time has a strong operational and volunteer focus. There is no clear method of consideration for those functions that do not fit into clear categories – Land Use Planning included.
- These areas, particularly land use planning are important functions that have significant impacts on policy, regulation and communities and most importantly safety and fire prevention.
- There should be a focus on the functions undertaken by various roles (including land use planning) and consideration of who works with whom and how each function relates to another. There are concerns that one function may be retained at one organisation whilst another will be attached to the other. For example that Land Use Planning Coordinators will be at CFA and the Fire Safety Officer will be transferred to FRV – These two functions and roles are inextricably linked to each other and should be placed under the same umbrella organisation, be it CFA, FRV or other agency or department.
- Is there any scope in the review to consider whether some functions would be better suited to be transferred to other government departments or agencies such as DELWP or EMV?
- It appears that each organisation/body (CFA/MFB/UFU) all have strong agendas and that the people with the responsibility of making submissions on behalf of these organisations, have strong influences / conflicts or affiliations / attachments that do not necessarily lead to clear, independent sensible thinking.

Regards

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