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To Consultation/DTF@DTF  
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Subject Fire Services Reform

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Professional Firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and I am writing to request you lend your support to this legislation.

Certainly your panel will be given a multitude of reasons as to why the Fire Services need reform. I will give you a different example. One that involves people very close to me.

Recently I was talking to a close family friend who was recovering after she had suffered a Cardiac Arrest whilst visiting her daughter in an inner city suburb. The MFB appliance from the nearest Fire Station turned out within 90 seconds (our standard) and was on scene within five minutes. I understand the Ambulance was not able to attend for some time. I believe it was 30 minutes (which is a common occurrence in my experience). The expert CPR performed allowed the patient in question to make a full recovery. She would not have survived if this occurred in many of Melbourne's outer suburbs due to the delay in turning out with the Volunteer service and the lack of training and experience in EMR.

Please support this legislation so more Victorians are covered by this life saving service.

Yours faithfully,

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