

To Consultation/DTF@DTF cc bcc
Subject Fire services reform.

To the fire services reform consultation committee. Please consider my submission concerning the much needed fire services reform in the densely populated urban fringe band, currently cared for by the CFA. The CFA, including volunteers do an invaluable job for our community in times of bushfires and other emergencies and have my deepest respect for there efforts! In Country areas this is an invaluable and appropriate response but in densely populated areas that have not been considered since the seventies, the only adequate response is one similar to the CBD, where a minimum standard is necessary. I strongly urge you to implement the same standard to protect life and property as we rightfully rely on in the CBD. That is a minimum of 7 professional firefighters, trained for urban structure firefighting as appropriate, and equipped with a minimum 2 fire trucks responded within 7.7 minutes 99% of the time! I hope that you can see that this, in no way disrespects volunteer firefighters and I don't see how this mechanism deters from their efforts. There is no restriction on there response and they can still be in charge, involved or even at work first if there first. Any reluctance to continue their invaluable efforts would not be consistent with the true spirit of firefighting, which is primarily about community safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely Lff Nick Bradley MFB Sent from my iPhone