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Subject Submission for fire services reform

My name is Paul Quilty and I am a Station Officer with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade I have 28 years' experience and am also a road Rescue Operator.

I live in Moonee Ponds and currently working at Sunshine fire station.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons.

The politics and differences between the current fire agencies have existed, for whatever reasons, for as long as we can all remember and they have ranged from petty to pathetic.

If your first and foremost thought isn't about the community you have probably lost focus and should seriously consider another line of employment.

I believe if you were given a "clean slate" and asked to introduce the best possible fire service for Victoria it would be a single professional service backed up with volunteers in the rural areas

All fire agencies work for the community. Victoria needs a unified fire service!

For the betterment of the community we need to unite all professional fire-fighters to provide a service which can operate efficiently and benefit Victoria in the metropolitan district and the regional areas deemed suitable.

With the expansion of the population and infrastructure in numerous areas of our state, the city of Geelong currently has a population of approximately 239,000 and is expected to grow to 320,000 by 2036, it is imperative that we put in place a model that will service the community now and into the future.

The safety of fire crews is also paramount and with a guarantee of 2 trucks with at least 7 fire-fighters dispatched within 8 minutes goes a long way to ensuring efficient, professional fire fighting activities and the safety of crews and community alike.

Regards

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