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Subject Fire Services Reform Submission

To The Committee Members

My name is Peter Andrew Deans.

I am a Senior Fire Fighter with the MFB.

I am stationed at Pascoe Vale Fire Station in Northern Zone.

I have been stationed in Northern Zone for the past 12 years.

I previously spent 27 years stationed in Central Zone.

I am one of four family members to have served the MFB as Fire Fighters, with a total of over 140 years service.

They being my Father and my two brothers Albert, Allan & Arthur.

I fully support the reform to the fire services of Victoria. I have had a strong belief that the Fire Services in Victoria needed some form of restructuring since the Black Saturday Fires. Being part of a Task Force that was dispatched on the day I saw first hand the lack of cooperation between the services and how I felt like our hands were tied and were not used to our full potential.

I strongly believe we should have one full time career Fire Service and one solely volunteer Fire Service.

Having lived in the country for the past 33 years ,I fully appreciate the role the CFA volunteers play in our community.

I have also seen first hand what affect a delayed turnout response can have on peoples homes or businesses in our community.

With the urban sprawl continually growing there is a real need for the metro boundaries to be changed so that these areas have a Fire Service cover of at least 7 ( I personally believe there should be 8 ) career Fire Fighters on the fire ground within the prefer d turnout time of 8 min. This would not have an affect on volunteers and their roll but it would for the community, as they would have 7 career fire fighters who are all BA search and rescue qualified.

As you know not all volunteers are BA search and rescue qualified, the CFA have two BA qualifications, 1: BA search and rescue and 2:BA operators, where they can wear a BA for car fires and building fires but can not enter a building to search or extinguish.

Having 7 career fire fighters on the fire ground provides greater safety to the public and also the other fire fighters on the fire ground.

I also feel the reform would go a long way towards ending the ongoing dispute.

Having been in the brigade for over 38 years I have never known the moral of the members to be as low as it is at the moment and the lack of trust that we have for the upper management and the board.

I feel strongly that this will not change until there is CHANGE.

Regards

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