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To Consultation/DTF@DTF
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Subject fire service reform.

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees,

My name is Rod Gadsden and have been a professional fire fighter for 31 years and currently based in Ringwood.

I write to express my support for the proposed fire services reform .

We have all witnessed the urbanisation and expansion of our suburbs with increased population density with domestic and commercial assets. I have seen firsthand the important attributes of a full time service and that of our wonderful volunteers with the CFA. As the communities needs have grown the sevices have not. I can only imagine the frustration of the volunteers in our community that have not been able to deliver the service that the dearly want to whilst working outside the community that they serve. They too can be easily assisted with the " fire services reform" by expanding the fulltime service response boundaries. This can only provide a higher protection of life and property in these urban areas. These areas are having an increased demand on the volunteer community and need to be supported.

This increased support will also ensure a safe working environment for all attending an emergency . The fulltime responding crews will be assured that they can provide the service that these communities now demand and take the pressure of our wonderful volunteers.

I respectfully ask that you consider modernising the fire service along with the introduction of presumptive legislation laws to protect fire service employees .

Kid regards
Rod Gadsden.

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