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I am a Station Officer of 40years in the metropolitan fire brigade and have achieved several specialist qualification as well as a number of commendations over this period. I have been living in the suburb of Wantirna over the last 35 years which comes under the umbrella of the country firebrigade . I am sure you are well aware Wantirna which lies in local council of Knox today consists of high volume dwellings and numerous areas of both commercial and industrial business. I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the reasons following.

When I joined the MFB 40years ago minimum turnout on a fire truck was two. On many occasions I turned out to large fires with just myself and an officer and I can assure you this put both us the public and to a lesser extent assets at great risk. It wasn't until several years later that a minimum of 3 firefighters was introduced and I can assure you I have attended numerous fires and incidents where we arrived first on scene totally under-manned creating a highly dangerous situation for both ourselves and the public . Its a no brainer to me that its imperative for both public and firefighters safety as well as asset protection. One thing as a professional firefighter I have been most proud of is both our turn-out on-scene time which I have no doubt has saved numerous lives and property and any little thing that can improve imperative in our society. From a personnel view on what has happened over recent times I can understand volunteer brigades feeling threatened but I think this has occurred through mainly through a total lack of communication. I as a professional firefighter have nothing but respect for volunteer brigades and there members and I sure like us they aspire for the absolute best fire service in our communities and I for one totally believe the new proposed reforms which have no impact on volunteer brigades and more importantly make my job and our communities a safer place.

Regards SO RON EGAN REG

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