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Subject Fire services reform

To the committee

My name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have been a professional firefighter with the MFB for over 28 years, I have been stationed mostly in the western suburbs and I'm currently stationed at Nth Laverton .

Over this time I have been to dozens of calls in the Hoppers Crossing, Truganina, Point Cook areas where back up was not available (failure to respond) or a delayed response , sometimes greater than 15 minutes.

The amount of growth in the western areas in the last 30 years has been enormous and it is quite clear that the fire services have not kept up.

To provide safety to the community and firefighters i think that the reform is a must have, just as these new areas need more infrastructure they also need a better fire service.

Since the late 1980's i have been to every major bush fire in Victoria and have worked side by side with CFA volunteers and have enjoyed the comradeship between our Service's. I don't think the reforms will change this.

Regards

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I would like my name and identity kept confidential