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Subject Fire Service Reform Submission

I have 32 years service with the MFB as a operational firefighter with the rank of Senior Station Officer and currently work in the Community Resilience Department (community education) and co-ordinate a joint MFB & CFA program for young people who undertake fire risk behaviour.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide submissions RE fire services reform. I see this process is only going to make Victoria's Fire Service a stronger service.

How a new Fire Service in Victoria may look (model I have seen and one commonly spoken about is Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) & CFA), I can only say it will benefit the Victorian community.

Human behaviours and actions remain a concern during any emergency incident. Having the best practice in the delivery of prevention & preparedness will only assist in ensure the community are protected but also respond appropriately i.e. getting out, staying out and calling 000. But also the future model must give the best response resources (operational fire-fighters) the community expects and deserves. I see this reform committee can deliver outcomes that will support community growth and better service Fire Service response.

Over the years there has been a disproportion between Victorian community growth and services provided (not only locally but also State and Federal). For many many years boundaries have not changed to reflect urban growth therefore newer communities are relying on emergency service facilities governed by 1950's protocols. Don't get me wrong the training of our current fire-fighters (career and volunteers) is extremely thorough and at a high standard and the equipment we use is also some of the best in the world, but boundaries should reflect urban growth which will underpin the response fire service required i.e. modern urban fire service to new and emerging communities.

Fire Rescue Victoria boundaries should not be set and reflect current growth but foreseeable growth and reviewed at 10 -20 year periods, this would also ensure best fire service practice (response) is always delivered to the Victorian community i.e. best fire service response times.

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