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Subject Fire Service Reform Submission

I wish for my name and contact details to remain confidential

I am a Leading Firefighter within the MFB with specialist qualifications in HAZMAT, Shipboard firefighting and Long Duration Breathing Apparatus. I have been employed in the Fire Service for nine years.

I fully support the proposed fire services reform as I believe it will greatly benefit the community and Victoria on a whole.

I live in a highly urbanised suburb and believe that the current fire district boundaries are outdated and need to be redrawn. My suburb of Aspendale is covered by volunteer fire services and I believe the area should be covered a guaranteed 90sec turnouts with 7 firefighters to keep crews safe and EMR response. Aspendale is definitely not a country area and should receive the same professional coverage as the other areas of metropolitan Melbourne. Through my experiences with major incidents, including Black Saturday and Hazelwood, I feel that the current model of Victorian fire services is outdated and would be more efficient, better for interoperability and community protection with all career firefighters working together under one service.

The reform would assist with standardisation of career firefighter training, response standards and equipment.

I fully support the introduction of Presumptive Legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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