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I am a Professional Firefighter with the MFB and have over 30 years of service. The proposed reforms need to go through to separate the Professionals from the Volunteers and to deliver much needed and long delayed safety improvements to firefighters and the community.

Volunteers seem to be set against this because they fear that they will be forced out somehow , they are against more full-time firefighters so that they can keep their delayed responses even if it is detrimental to the community and the safety of other firefighters .

This attitude can only be classed as selfish by any logical and reasonable person . The community deserve better.

We still need volunteers BUT the boundaries for full-time coverage need to be expanded. They have not changed in over 60 years and yet housing and industry keep moving out from the CBD at a rapid rate.

The Volunteer scare campaign is based on fear and selfishness, not what is needed.

