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Subject Fire Services Commission.

Dear Officers

In regards the Victorian Fire Services I would like to make a simple recommendation.

I have served our community with the MFB as an operational Firefighter for over 36 years. I have also been engaged as a public education officer and volunteer community working throughout my entire professional career.

Having considered all arguments presented through the media and UFU I believe that an amalgamation of the MFB and CFA career fire fighting services is the wisest move forward - forming an organisation as suggested -

For obvious reasons a career service, who will respond in 90 seconds - 24 hours a day with fully BA qualified crews is important for all built up and industrialised communities.

I value highly the good work of all volunteers in the community whether firefighters or any other group and intend to turnout with my little Gembrook Brigade when I retire from my current position in the near future.

It is true that even recently neighbouring volunteer CFA brigades have turned up to incidents with partly trained personal- typically no BA qualifications and even booked on screen in a private vehicle. Never the less we appreciate their contribution but can see that career brigades are essential in built up areas.

This is my honest opinion and believe it to be balanced and fair. I consider that essential progress is more important than past personal attachment.

Kind Regards,
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