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Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

My name is Peter Fisher

I am a Station Officer With the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade with 36 years of Service.

I have served most of my time at Heavy Rescue Stations(Carlton, Thomastown and Nunawading)

I gravitated towards the Rescue areas of my job and are qualified in Urban Search and Rescue, Heavy Rescue and Trench Rescue.

Currently I am Instructing in Recruits and am a precipitant of a Chief Fire-fighters commendation.

I live at [REDACTED].

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of Fire Services for the following reasons:

In the past I have attended fires where only a volunteer in a Toyota ute attended and no assistance from their Brigade showed up.

I have performed

Road Rescue extrications of lives where the volunteers were in attendance 10minutes before we were dispatched to assist them

Knowing that an earlier response could have saved lives. This was documented without a successful outcome and as such it haunts me to this day

Having saved people's lives while attending Emergency Medical Responses is truly satisfying but not available from a volunteer service.

Having Trained professional fire-fighters respond to either a house fire or any emergency must give the occupants or unfortunate souls comfort knowing there will definitely be

Seven fire-fighters responding within eight minutes and us knowing we have back up of capable well trained people is reassuring.

As the Metropolitan areas increase every Victorian deserves a better service and coverage and this reform will go a long way towards this.

The reform areas are around the 35 integrated stations primary response areas. It will not impact other brigades or bushfire responses in any way.

The support will be maintained to the Volunteers especially with training as I know some of the senior instructors are being employed by FRV to assist the CFA.

Having all career fire-fighters in one service will not affect volunteer turnout or surge capacity at all.

Kindest Regards

Peter Fisher

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