

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Fire Services Bill Select Committee

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## Interim report tabled on fire services bill

The Fire Services Bill Select Committee has today tabled in the Victorian Parliament an interim report on its inquiry into the fire services bill.

The interim report sets out the consultation process undertaken by the Select Committee and notes that the final report will be presented in mid-August.

"The Select Committee is grateful for the large number of submissions it received from firefighters and community members across Victoria," said Select Committee Chairman, Gordon Rich-Phillips.

"We also appreciate the time and effort that people took to attend public hearings in Melbourne and several regional centres."

More than 1,500 submissions and the transcripts from seven public hearings are available on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

"The inquiry has involved a number of contentious issues and the Committee is working through the extensive evidence it has received," Mr Rich-Phillips said.

"We are preparing our final report with recommendations for tabling in mid-August."

The Select Committee was established by the Legislative Council to consider and report on a proposed restructure of Victoria's fire services.

The proposed changes are outlined in the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

The interim report is available from the Committee's website.

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