



14th August, 2015

Mr David O'Byrne
Fire Services Review
Level 19, 121 Exhibition Street
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Dear David,

Fire Services Review

Thank you for the opportunity to input into the 'Fire Services Review'. VFBV is currently preparing a detailed submission to the inquiry.

As an initial submission to your review and in addition to the submission to be made by VFBV later this month please consider the attached relevant key documents as part of VFBV's formal submission to your important review. These include:

- VFBV's submissions to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission
- Report of the Inquiry into the effect of the arrangements made by the Country Fire Authority on its Volunteers
- VFBV's formal submission to CFA volunteers inquiry
- VFBV's submission to Green Paper '*Towards a more resilient and safer Victoria*'
- Report on the Process to Select New Personal Protective Clothing for Victorian Firefighters
- VFBV's response to Options Paper: Victoria Fire Services Property Levy Options Paper – September 2011
- VFBV's 2014 Volunteer Welfare and Efficiency Survey Report

A number of CFA volunteer brigades have expressed an interest in an opportunity to meet with you during the submission phase of the review and I feel this would be a most useful input into your deliberations. I offer VFBV assistance to support/coordinate your attendance/discussion with a targeted number of CFA Brigades/Groups to inform your deliberations on the review terms of reference. CFA brigades service a breadth of risk environments and dependent on community circumstance there is a broad range of innovative brigade/community initiatives and agency supported solutions in place as examples of how volunteer and community capacity can encouraged, maintained and strengthened.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Ford
Chief Executive Officer