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Royal Commission

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Signature: Carl Fraser

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Dec 6th 2009

The Commissioners
2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission
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Melbourne Vic 3001

Re: Fire Services Levy and Insurance Discussion Paper

Dear Commissioners,

At a recent meeting of the Moyhu and District Fire Brigades Group (the Group) held at the Group headquarters in Moyhu on Mon 2nd Nov 2009 it was moved that I write to you expressing the Groups concerns in relation to the following:

- The disproportionate increase in the Fire Levy component of insurance Premiums for country accounts compared to metropolitan accounts.
- The inequity of raising a fire levy through insurance premiums as opposed to having a wider compulsory funding base.
- And the concept of providing a discount in premiums for active CFA members.

The Group is concerned that a more equitable method of funding Victoria's fire services needs to be implemented. Currently, only those who have insurance cover contribute to the increasing cost of delivering a comprehensive fire service. The Group believes that rather than fund Victoria's fire services through increasing insurance premiums, the levy should be collected via council rates ensuring a wider more equitable funding base.

The Group also believes that a levy rebate be offered to active CFA personal in recognition for their community contribution.

The Moyhu Group comprises delegates from the following CFA Region 23 Brigades; Bobinawarra, Carboor, Cheshunt, Edi, Milawa, Moyhu and Myrree.

All delegates are registered CFA members and provide the critical local leadership structure that forms part of the voluntary community response to fire suppression across Victoria.

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Your consideration of our submission will be appreciated.

Yours Faithfully

Carl Fraser

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