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TO: ALL UFU MEMBERS

UFU Submission to the Royal Commission

Further to the recent special general meetings, the UFU is proceeding to develop its submission to the Royal Commission, in particular the concept of one fire service for Victoria. As members will recall, the commission has asked the following four questions to be addressed:

1. What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating the CFA, the DSE, and the MFB (firstly assuming the fire-related land management functions – such as prescribed burning – remain with the DSE and secondly assuming that they become the responsibility of the amalgamated agency)?
2. What are the key barriers to achieving a well-functioning amalgamated fire agency (in particular, the statement should address issues of cultural change and industrial relations)?
3. Assuming that the fire agencies were to merge, what is the UFU's preferred structural model for the amalgamated agency (for example, what divisions/departments should exist and with what responsibilities)?
4. Assuming that the fire agencies were to merge, what is the UFU's preferred model for using volunteers within the amalgamated agency?

To facilitate discussion among our members, we have scheduled three forums, being:

- **Thursday the 1st of April commencing at 12:30-3:30pm**
 - o Venue: Metropol Hotel, Brunswick Street. C Platoon on Day duty.
- **Wednesday 7th April commencing at 12:30-3:30pm**
 - o Venue: Metropol Hotel, Brunswick Street. D Platoon on day duty.

- **Monday 12th April commencing at 12:30-3:30pm**

- Venue: Metropol Hotel, Brunswick Street. B Platoon on day duty.

The union will also be inviting representatives from both CFA and MFB, as well as the Volunteer Fire Brigade Victoria.

Members are respectfully requested to RSVP their attendance and participation to Kerrie Feudoloff on officeadmin@ufuvic.asn.au, or ring 03 9419 8811.

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