

Fire Services Review 2015
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(a) An assessment of the resourcing requirements necessary to ensure Victoria is appropriately equipped and fire ready	Rolling 5 year budget to enable forward planning and acquisition of replacement tankers and air resources. Upgrade to mobile phone and pager coverage. Internet connection to all fire sheds.				
(b) How CFA and MFB staff can be best supported in protecting communities, taking into consideration operational needs, as well as Occupational Health and Safety best practice and best training methods	Presumptive legislation should be passed.				

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<p>(c) The interoperability between the CFA and MFB</p>	<p>Communications – common radio channels</p> <p>Fittings on appliances (pumps, hose fittings, hydrants ate) should be standardised.</p>				
<p>(d) the interoperability across fire agencies responsible for preventing and suppressing all types of fire in Victoria, whether on public or private land</p>	<p>Communications – common radio channels</p> <p>Fittings on appliances (pumps, hose fittings, hydrants ate) should be standardised</p> <p>Encourage DEWLP, Parks & MFB staff as firefighters</p>				

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(e) CFA and MFB management structures and management work practices	Emergency Management Victoria should be responsible for all Victorian emergency services engaged in firefighting. As the largest section of the workforce volunteers must be represented at all levels.				
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(f) Enhancing workplace culture, including fostering greater respect and cooperation between management and its workforce, as well as enhancing workplace innovation and diversity	The Volunteer charter must be adhered to and complied with by all parties.				
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(g) Options for the establishment of a Career Firefighters Registration Board					
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(h) The best mechanism to provide support for volunteer fire brigades and to ensure their viability in providing emergency services					
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