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Having trouble submitting reply so I am going this way with my concerns , any thoughts of combining both MPB and CFA would be a cruel blow to Victorian volunteers . We would see a shift away from our current fire operations with paid staff responding first on trucks leaving no room for the Volunteers to respond ,they will be seen and become dissatisfied with the CFA and leave . We will most likely see a loss of resources in the brigades in money terms with more spent on the larger outer fringe brigades of Melbourne ,training is another area of concern being carried by paid union staff they want to train volunteers in at a time that suits them and not the volunteers. Also the CFA would lose its very valuable surge capacity in fighting very large complex fires if volunteers leave. In D17 we have a good working relationship with DELWP (DEPI) on fire suppression in our area sharing equipment namely aerial support which is becoming more important every year.
Thanks Maurice Dumesny