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To whom it may concern,

TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE 2010/2011 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Re: Proposals for Balmossie and Forfar Fire stations

As a stakeholder, I am amazed and disappointed that the views of the public are being ignored. During the last consultation, after overwhelming public opinion helped persuade the fire board to reject, by an outright majority, **proposals which in my view effectively reduce fire cover at Balmossie and Forfar fire stations**, these proposals are again on the agenda for this year, without any substantial changes and which will result in the same reduction in fire cover, is beyond belief.

These proposals, which are to take away a part-time fire engine during the day and a fulltime fire engine at night at Balmossie fire station, will only increase the risk to the community. This loss of service will result in an overall reduction in fire cover for Dundee City and its surrounding areas, as other fire stations will have to cover the shortfall. This can only increase the response times of fire engines to incidents, and as a result, the likelihood of serious injury, fatalities, property loss and distress to the communities, whom you have the responsibility for and are meant to represent.

What I find unbelievable is that these proposals, to reduce fire cover and response times, are even being considered when it states in the "Towards A Safer Tayside "(page 6)Consultation document that:

"THIS PROPOSAL WILL COST NO MORE MONEY, AND IMPORTANTLY NO LESS MONEY"

I therefore urge you on behalf of the communities you serve and the peoples whose lives may be affected by the decision that you make on this issue, to reject the entire proposal out of hand. For the sake of us all, this proposal cannot get passed at the next fire board meeting.

Yours faithfully

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