



Legislative Pathway to Support Veterans and Families

This initiative invests \$9.5 million over two years from 2022-23 to 2023-24 to create a pathway for legislation improvement to address longstanding complexities in the veteran support system. This forms part of the Australian Government's response to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide's Interim Report delivered on 11 August 2022.

The funding will also assist in establishing a governance and assurance framework to manage the implementation of the recommendations from the Royal Commission's Interim Report accepted by the Government

Why is this important?

The Royal Commission found legislative reform of the veteran support system to be an urgent and critical need.

This initiative responds to Recommendation 1 of the Royal Commission's Interim Report. A pathway for reducing complexity in the current veterans' compensation and rehabilitation framework will be developed for consideration by the Government in late 2022, taking into account the views of the veteran community and previous proposals, such as the Productivity Commission's report *A Better Way to Support Veterans*. It will also consider potential improvements to the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

The pathway for legislation improvement will address longstanding complexities in the veteran support system.

Who will benefit?

Legislation improvement will simplify access to compensation and support by veterans, Defence members and their families.

Date of effect?

This initiative is already underway.

How much will this cost?

\$9.5 million over two years from 2022-23 to 2023-24.