



Royal Commission Implementation Committee (RCIC)

Meeting Overview

23 July 2025

Welcome, apologies and conflicts of interest

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Royal Commission Implementation Committee (RCIC) met on 23 July 2025 to discuss activities under way to support the delivery of DVA led or joint-led Recommendations.

Forward Work Plan

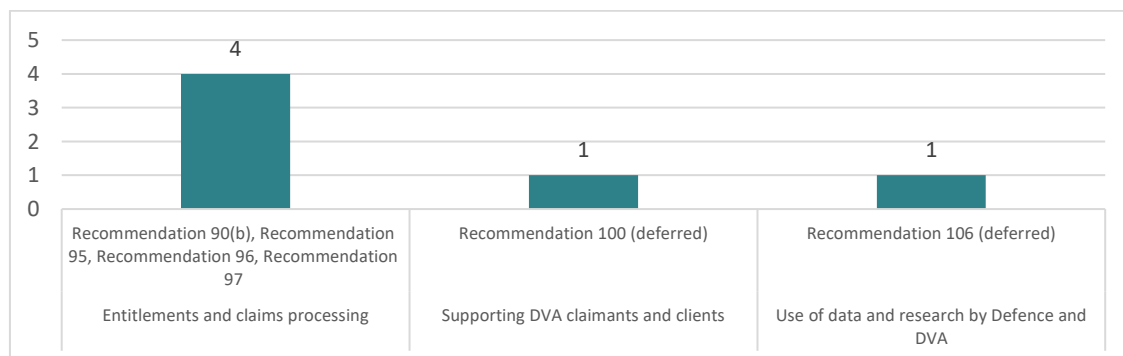
RCIC members discussed the Forward Work Plan and agreed to minor amendments to better align with evolving priorities, including grouping recommendations with close alignment or dependencies.

Members also discussed approaches to managing risks to delivery, supporting effective prioritisation and informed advice.

Reporting

The RCIC discussed the initial report to Government, with a shared focus on ensuring clear, consistent and timely reporting.

Recommendations for discussion by theme



Veterans' Ministerial Council Priorities

The RCIC noted an update of recent engagement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories. RCIC members discussed both the opportunities and challenges associated with enhancing service delivery to veterans through these arrangements, with a focus on strengthening collaboration across jurisdictions.

Wellbeing Agency and Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) Peak Body co-design update

The RCIC noted an update on the conclusion of Stage 1 of the consultation and co-design process for the establishment of a new agency focused on wellbeing and a national ESO peak body. RCIC members discussed the importance of ensuring consistent and appropriate language in reporting on the agency, in line with co-design best practice.

Item 6: Update from Defence

The RCIC noted the update from the Chief of Personnel, Department of Defence and Deputy Secretary, Defence People, on current activities underway, supporting continued alignment across Defence and DVA.

Update on recommendations

The following recommendations were considered and discussed, with updates provided on progress to date and next steps:

Recommendation 90(b): expand mental health support to all reserve personnel;

Recommendation 95: support the expanded application of 'presumptive liability'

Recommendation 96: ongoing funding for Provisional Access to Medical Treatment

Recommendation 97: consider extending the Veteran Payment to more veterans with physical health conditions

- The RCIC received a combined update on Recommendations 90(b), 95, 96 and 97 as an interconnected cohort focussed on improving access to treatment, compensation and support during the claims process.
- The RCIC noted an updated on implementation options for Recommendation 90(b), 96 and 97 including alternatives that could improve the understanding, and impacts, of targeted approaches to the provision of non-liability health care.
- The RCIC noted the progress in implementing Recommendation 95, with legislation being passed to incorporate presumptive legislation into DVA's systems.
- The RCIC noted that from 1 July 2026 over 100 conditions will be covered by presumptive arrangements.

Recommendation 100: improve the transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the Department of Veterans' Affairs rehabilitation program

- Recommendation 100 was not discussed in session and deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints.

Recommendation 106: establish a suicide database of serving and ex-serving members

- Recommendation 106 was deferred and will be progressed through an out-of-session process.

Any other business

Nil.

The next meeting of the RCIC is scheduled for 2 September 2025.