



Expansion of the Wellbeing Centre Network – Tasmania and South East Queensland

This initiative provides funding to expand the Veteran Wellbeing Centre network by establishing Wellbeing Centres in Tasmania and South East Queensland, as well as funding for ongoing management of the network.

Why is this important?

In April 2019, the Federal Government announced an election commitment of \$30 million for the development of a national network of six Veteran Wellbeing Centres (\$5 million per centre) located in Townsville, Perth, Adelaide, Nowra, Wodonga and Darwin. The centres will deliver integrated support to veterans and their families from government, business and community partnerships. They will help connect veterans and their families to a range of core services, including transition, employment, health and social connection.

Tasmania

There has been ongoing advocacy from a range of stakeholders seeking to establish a Wellbeing Centre to deliver a support service across Tasmania, with the Federal and Tasmanian Government's jointly funding a study into the potential of a local health and wellbeing support service for veterans and their families.

South East Queensland

Approximately 65 per cent of the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Queensland clients reside in South East Queensland, and there has been ongoing advocacy from a range of stakeholders seeking to establish a Wellbeing Centre to support veterans and their families in that region. Establishing centres in Tasmania and South East Queensland will provide veterans and their families with increased and accessible support from government, business and community partnerships.

Who will benefit?

All current and future veterans and their families within Tasmania and South East Queensland, including:

- approximately 8,800 Tasmanian DVA beneficiaries
- more than 100,000 veterans and their families receiving support from DVA located in Queensland, with 65 per cent of these clients residing in the South East Queensland region.

Date of effect?

Tasmania: Implementation commencing 2021-22 with completion in 2024-25.

South East Queensland: Implementation commencing 2021-22 with completion in 2023-24.

How much will this cost?

\$10.7 million comprising:

- \$5 million for Tasmania over four years,
- \$5 million for South East Queensland over three years,

- \$0.7 million to support the Department to implement the measure over the forward estimates.