



## Funding to support DVA's data and analytical capability

This initiative invests in the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA's) data and analytics capability to provide the best available evidence to support veterans and their families to transition from service to civilian life, and support their health and wellbeing.

### Why is this important?

The Veterans' Data and Analysis Project will report on the health and wellbeing of the veteran population and their families, with a focus on the characteristics of veterans who die by suicide.

Investment in DVA's core data capability means veterans and their families can expect to receive better targeted, timely, and appropriate health interventions and social and economic support. This will enable DVA to continue the shift from a focus on illness to wellbeing.

The *Priority Investment Approach – Veterans* uses modelling and analytics to identify options to improve the design and effectiveness of DVA programs. This data and information will support better policy and program development, and more accurate forecasting of long-term liabilities.

This proposal addresses gaps in DVA's data and analysis capability identified by the 2019 Productivity Commission inquiry report, *A Better Way to Support Veterans*.

### Who will benefit?

The initiative will positively impact all veterans and their families, including the Department's more than 300,000 active clients.

Investing in data allows DVA to better understand veterans and their families to deliver a support system for all that is veteran centric, needs-based and wellbeing focused.

### Date of effect?

1 July 2021.

### How much will this cost?

\$21.4 million over four years.

