



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Dear

**Changes to the F-111 health care and compensation package –
we are going to reconsider your application**

In response to the Parliamentary Inquiry report, *Sealing a just outcome: Report from the Inquiry into the RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families*, the Government has revised the health care and compensation package for personnel affected by their involvement in the maintenance of the F-111 aircraft. In particular, the package will now be available to more people.

Our records show that your previous application for Tier classification under this package was rejected. As the eligibility rules have now changed we are going to reconsider your previous application. This will happen automatically, you do not need to do anything.

If you meet the Tier classification under the new rules, you will be able to access health care under the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme and screening under the Better Health Program. Additionally, if you meet the new rules for Tier classification, the Government has provided an easier path for accessing compensation for any of the specified conditions identified by the Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel (SHOAMP) as possibly linked to maintenance work inside an F-111 fuel tank.

The Government Response to the Inquiry has three main themes – compensation, health care and counselling. You can find the Government's full response at f111.dva.gov.au and I have also enclosed two fact sheets, one outlining the Government's response and another giving you details on the new Tier classification arrangements.

Once we have reconsidered your case we will advise you of our decision in writing. If we need further information to review your application, we will contact you.

We are considering a large number of applications so this process may take a number of months. We are giving priority to reviewing previous applications such as yours.

You are already a participant of the SHOAMP Health Care Scheme. There have also been changes to this scheme which may benefit you. Enclosed is a third fact sheet giving you the details.

If you'd like more information on the changes to the schemes, please go to f111.dva.gov.au or call us on **1800 555 323**.

Yours sincerely