

# **Appendices to Volume One**

## APPENDIX ONE

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Terms of reference for the Review, issued in February 2002, are as follows:

### **REVIEW OF VETERANS' ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS FOR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED AND OTHER VETERAN DISABILITY PENSIONERS**

#### **Background**

Representations have been made to the Government concerning access to and perceived anomalies with eligibility, including qualifying service, provisions under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA). Organisations making these representations include some World War II veterans who do not have qualifying service, veterans of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan, participants of the British atomic testing in Australia and servicemen engaged in counter-terrorist and special recovery teams.

Additionally, a number of ex-service organisations have expressed concern regarding the adequacy of benefits for veterans receiving veterans' disability pension, at the special rate (TPI) and some other levels.

The Government has agreed that these matters will be considered by an independent review.

#### **Role**

The committee will conduct a review into the issues specified in these terms of reference.

#### **Membership**

The committee will be chaired by Hon Justice John Clarke QC and the other members will be Air Marshal Douglas Riding AO DFC and Dr David Rosalky.

## **Terms of Reference**

The Government is committed to providing fair, consistent and appropriate benefits to Australia's veterans.

Against this background, the committee will review and make recommendations on:

1. the current policy relating to eligibility for access to VEA benefits and qualifying service under the VEA; and
2. the benefits available to disability compensation pensioners under the VEA.

The review will:

### **Access to VEA Benefits and Qualifying Service**

- Consider the historical context and current interpretation of the provisions for qualifying service having regard to relevant parliamentary statements and the position reached by the courts;
- Consider perceived anomalies with eligibility for access to VEA benefits and qualifying service that might be raised by some World War II veterans, veterans of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, Australian participants in British atomic testing in Australia, Australian service personnel engaged in counter-terrorist and special recovery training, and other interested parties; and
- Recommend possible changes to address any anomalies and to facilitate the equitable and efficient administration of the VEA.

### **Special Rate and Other Rates of Disability Pensions**

- Document and examine past and current disability compensation pension and related benefits available to veterans under the VEA;
- Consider submissions made by interested parties as to the structure and appropriateness of those pensions and benefits;
- Consider the extent to which the medical, social and vocational rehabilitation needs of compensation pensioners are being adequately met; and
- Make recommendations on possible improvements in benefits and support programs to address any identified deficiencies, including the potential to restructure benefits and programs in order to assist the funding of desired reforms.

## **Conduct of Review**

In examining issues and developing options, the committee should plan to seek submissions from and meet with veteran organisations and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

In its deliberations the committee will need to bear in mind the commitment of the Government to responsible economic management.

The committee will report to the Minister no later than mid-November 2002. The Government would expect to examine options identified by the committee with a view to considering any appropriate changes for the year 2003–04.

## **Administrative Arrangements**

The review and associated costs will be met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Defence, including office accommodation and travel expenses.

The Departments of Veterans' Affairs and Defence will provide secretariat and administrative support, including the preparation of documents and assisting the committee by giving advice and briefings on specific matters.

Danna Vale MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence

## APPENDIX TWO

# MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

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The Committee appointed to conduct the Review is as follows:

### **The Hon John Clarke QC (Chair)**

The Hon John Clarke undertook national service in 1954, followed by two years as a reservist in Sydney University Regiment while studying for his Bachelor of Law degree. He was called to the Bar in 1959 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1976, practising mainly in common law and later in the industrial arbitration area. Appointed a judge of the New South Wales Supreme Court in 1983, Justice John Clarke sat on the bench for 14 years. From 1987 to 1997, he served as a member of the Court of Appeal and since his retirement has also sat as an Acting Judge of Appeal. Since retiring from the bench, he has practised as a mediator and arbitrator.

### **Air Marshal Douglas Riding AO DFC (Member)**

Air Marshal Riding joined the Royal Australian Air Force in June 1962. He served as a fighter pilot and flying instructor from 1962 until 1979, and saw active service in Vietnam as a forward air controller with the United States Air Force, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1969. After being promoted to Wing Commander in 1979, Air Marshal Riding served in posts in Australia and overseas, and from 1987 to 1990 was Officer Commanding RAAF East Sale. During the 1990s, Air Marshal Riding held senior positions in the RAAF and Headquarters Australian Defence Force. In 1998 he was appointed Vice-Chief of the Defence Force. He retired from the Permanent Air Force in June 2000.

### **Dr David Rosalky (Member)**

Dr Rosalky has extensive experience as a senior public servant. After a term as Senior Private Secretary in the office of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, Dr Rosalky held senior positions in the Commonwealth Department of Finance and the Canadian Treasury Board. Dr Rosalky served as Under-Treasurer of ACT Treasury and then as Secretary of the ACT Chief Minister's Department

between 1992 and 1995. In the Australian Public Service, Dr Rosalky was Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business from 1995 to 1998, when he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Social Security, which became the Department of Family and Community Services. Dr Rosalky retired from the Australian Public Service in 2001, and is currently a visiting fellow at the Australian National University.

## APPENDIX THREE

# ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SUBMISSIONS/MEETINGS



### **Committee for Review of Veterans' Entitlements**

On 8 February 2002 the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon. Danna Vale MP, appointed an independent Committee to review:

- perceived anomalies in access to veterans' entitlements under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*; and
- levels of benefits and support available to Veterans' Affairs disability pensioners.

The Committee is the Hon. John Clarke QC, Air Marshal Douglas Riding AO DFC and Dr David Rosalky.

The Committee will examine concerns raised by some ex-servicemen and women that they may be missing out on veterans' entitlements because of perceived anomalies in the legislation.

These groups may include some World War II personnel, veterans of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, Australian participants in British atomic testing in Australia, Australian service personnel engaged in counter terrorist and special recovery training and other interested parties.

The review will also consider the levels of benefits and support available for veterans receiving the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (T&PI) rate and other rates of disability pension.

The Committee will report to Government by mid-November 2002.

The Committee invites any interested individuals or organisations to send a written submission to:

**Committee for Review of  
Veterans' Entitlements  
PO Box 9563  
DEAKIN ACT 2600**

**by close of business Thursday 18 April 2002.**

Submissions will be made public unless confidentiality is sought and granted.

Following consideration of submissions, the Committee may invite individuals or organisations to meet with the Committee.

The terms of reference and guidelines for making submissions are available on the Internet at [www.veteransreview.gov.au](http://www.veteransreview.gov.au) Further assistance may be obtained by contacting the Secretariat on (02) 6208 4011 or 1300 780 122 (local call cost anywhere in Australia).

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**Review of Veterans'  
Entitlements**  
**Townsville Public Meeting**  
**Tuesday 25 June 2002**  
**10am - 1pm**  
**Southbank Hotel and  
Convention Centre**  
**19-29 Palmer Street**

The Federal Government has appointed an independent Committee to review:

- perceived anomalies in the access to veterans' entitlements; and
- the levels of benefits and support provided to veteran disability pensioners.

Having received many submissions, the Committee will now be conducting meetings with ex-service organisations and individuals throughout Australia. The consultation program will include public meetings.

**In Northern Queensland, a public meeting will be held in Townsville at the Southbank Hotel and Convention Centre, 19-29 Palmer Street.**

The Committee will hear from individuals and organisations who have been invited to speak to their submissions and will allow time for other interested members of the veteran community and general public to speak.

People wishing to address the committee should arrive at 9am to register their interest. Invited speakers will be allocated a short time to speak. In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, groups and organisations will be asked to nominate a single spokesperson.

As time is limited not everyone who wishes to speak may have the opportunity. Should this occur, late written submissions to the Review will be accepted.

The Committee is reviewing policy and legislation. It is unable to determine individual claims.

Information about the Review is available on the Internet at [www.veteransreview.gov.au](http://www.veteransreview.gov.au) or from the Review Secretariat on 1300 780 122 (for the cost of a local call).

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## Review of Veterans' Entitlements Public Meetings

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- perceived anomalies in the access to veterans' entitlements; and
- the levels of benefits and support provided to veteran disability pensioners.

The Committee will be conducting meetings with ex-service organisations and individuals throughout Australia. The consultation program will include public meetings.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Perth:** Wednesday 22 May 9am to 12 noon, Novotel Langley.  
**Sydney:** Thursday 23 May 9am to 12 noon, Wesley Conference Centre.  
**Canberra:** Wednesday 5 June 9am to 12 noon, National Convention Centre.  
**Townsville:** Wednesday 12 June 10am to 1pm, Southbank Hotel and Convention Centre.  
**Darwin:** Thursday 13 June 9am to 12 noon, Mirambeena Tourist Resort.  
**Lismore:** Monday 24 June 10am to 1pm, Lismore Workers Club.  
**Brisbane:** Wednesday 26 June 9am to 12 noon, Brisbane City Hall.  
**Hobart:** Monday 1 July 10am to 1pm, Hobart Function and Convention Centre.  
**Melbourne:** Wednesday 3 July 10am to 1pm, Melbourne Convention Centre.  
**Adelaide:** Tuesday 9 July 10am to 1pm, Adelaide Convention Centre.

At the meetings, the Committee will hear from individuals and organisations who have been invited to speak to their submissions and will allow time for other interested veterans and members of the public to speak.

People wishing to address the committee should arrive an hour beforehand to register their interest. Invited speakers will be allocated a short time to speak. In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, groups and organisations will be asked to nominate a single spokesperson.

As time is limited not everyone who wishes to speak may have the opportunity. If this occurs, late written submissions to the Review will be accepted.

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## **APPENDIX FOUR**

# **SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY THE REVIEW**

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Submissions were received from 2742 individuals and organisations. In addition, 334 supplementary submissions were received, bringing the total number of submissions to 3076. The names and localities of authors of only 20 per cent (624) of the submissions are included in the following list.

While the Committee's guidelines indicated that submissions would be made public unless confidentiality was sought, the information contained in submissions was often very personal. It was evident that many submissions were sent without authors being completely aware of the submission guidelines or understanding the possibility of their submissions being made public, particularly through publication on the Review website. In order to protect the privacy of the authors and others mentioned, the Committee decided that any submissions containing this type of personal detail should be treated as confidential and not be made public without the express permission of the author. About 80 per cent of submissions were made confidential in this way.

The Committee feels that it would breach confidentiality to list in the Report the authors of confidential submissions; therefore, the following list contains the names of only those authors whose submissions were made public. The Committee trusts that this situation will not cause inconvenience or concern to the authors of confidential submissions who may have otherwise expected their names to appear in this Report.

For ease of reference, ranks and titles are not included. Honorifics have only been incorporated where they were stated on the submission or known to the Committee.

### **ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS BY AUTHOR NAME**

This list includes the names of authors of submissions from organisations, including government agencies and ex-service groups. A full list of the names of organisations that lodged submissions to the Review follows this list of authors.

Adams, B East Maitland NSW	Bailey, L North Ringwood Vic	Beutel, N Ormiston Qld
Adams, H J P, AM Kingston ACT	Bailey, L W North Ringwood Vic	Bickle, R H Narangba Qld
Adams, P E Greensborough Vic	Bain, R G, JP Gosford NSW	Billson MP, B Frankston Vic
Adamson, M Mawson ACT	Baird, R Buninyong Vic	Binnie, P L Mosman NSW
Aitken, A Toowoomba Qld	Balcombe, A R Malaga WA	Birch, H A Caringbah NSW
Albanese, P Murwillumbah NSW	Banks, R address unknown	Bishop, M A, MM Paradise Waters Qld
Alexander, G T Hurstville NSW	Baptist, E F Wentworth Falls NSW	Black, J, FCPA Port Macquarie NSW
Ambrose, E Hervey Bay Qld	Batchelor, A, MBE Fisher ACT	Blain, J Narara NSW
Anderson, J Port Melbourne Vic	Batt, E, JP Greenacre NSW	Bland, R F, JP Umina Beach NSW
Anderson, J Springwood NSW	Beamish, T Balwyn Vic	Board, P M Red Hill Vic
Anderson, R T Seaford Vic	Beaurepaire, B, AC DBE Mt Eliza Vic	Bodey, J L Rossmoyne WA
Andrews, S Woy Woy NSW	Beer, W Cowra NSW	Bottrell, F Ferntree Gully Vic
Annesley, L South West Rocks NSW	Bell, C B East Brighton Vic	Bourke, V Clear Island Waters Qld
Anning, J Caves Beach NSW	Bell, J The Entrance NSW	Boyle, B J Oatley NSW
Arnold, J Armidale NSW	Bell, R N, OAM JP East Gosford NSW	Bradley, J Ascot Park SA
Ashmore, A Selby Vic	Belton, W J, AM South Yarra Vic	Brady, F Forster NSW
Ashton, M, FBE Granville NSW	Ben-Avi, Z Woodford Qld	Bray, H M, OAM Murrabit Vic
Atkins, G Dilston Tas	Bennett, M St Kilda Vic	Brede, C G Holt ACT
Atkinson, G Double Bay NSW	Bentley, D C Lake Cathie NSW	Briggs, C W New Lambton NSW
Atkinson, J Millner NT	Bergin, A Hillarys WA	Briggs, K Woolgoolga NSW
Avery, K, JP Sydney NSW	Berry, J, JP North Haven NSW	Briscoe, T J West Lake Shores SA
Baier, A M Stretton Heights QLD		

Brodie, A Cheltenham Vic	Burton, A R Granville NSW	Chittleborough, J D Royston Park SA
Bromhead, N Lambton NSW	Buttery, R H, JP Campbelltown SA	Christley, D Milsons Point NSW
Brown, R, JP Belfield NSW	Calvert, P J Wootton NSW	Clayton, P M Rossmoyne WA
Browning, A R Davenport Tas	Campbell, C Launceston Tas	Clinghan, W R, JP Mollymook NSW
Bruce, N J Palm Beach Qld	Campbell, D M Hampton Vic	Clota, G Fern Tree Tas
Brunton, L Hamilton Vic	Campbell, M address unknown	Cockburn, D M, OAM Sandringham Vic
Bryson, M J Redbank Plains Qld	Carey, F Toowoomba Qld	Coker, K Ballan Vic
Buckland, C J Nailsworth SA	Carr, R L Bribie Island Qld	Coleman, C Sliema SLM-12 Malta
Buckley, K Adelaide SA	Carrington, N and Tuckett, M North Croydon Vic	Coleman, R Beaumaris Vic
Budge, J N Carlingford NSW	Carroll, C M Lonton SA	Collier, B, AM City Beach WA
Buick, R S, MM Glenfields Qld	Carroll, G J Palm Beach Qld	Collier, N W Toowoomba Qld
Bull, R L Greenacre NSW	Carter, C Bardwell Valley NSW	Collins, J Toowoomba Qld
Bullen, D M Helensvale Qld	Casserly, J R Sunnyvale NSW	Collins, L Oakleigh Vic
Bullock, P Launceston South Tas	Chandler, B Coffs Harbour NSW	Collum, H A St Huberts Island NSW
Bunworth, L Sarina Qld	Chapman, J Griffith NSW	Cook, D, ASM Burrill Lake NSW
Burdon, H E Lake Munmorah NSW	Chapman, J P Peakhurst NSW	Cook, R O North Turrumurra NSW
Burgess, J Murrumba Downs Qld	Chappell, F Sapphire North NSW	Cooke-Russell, P Canberra ACT
Burgess, M Gateshead Business Centre NSW	Chatto, T and J Bairnsdale Vic	Coombs, C Rowes Bay Qld
Burgess, R J, AM Devonport East Tas	Cheal, J Glen Iris Vic	Cooper, B C, MM JP Kingsley WA
Burn, P J Downer ACT	Cheney, J R Mooroolbark Vic	Cooper, C E Wandiligong Vic
Burt, A Manuka ACT	Chew, K Richmond NSW	Corbitt, D H Bilambil Heights NSW

Cottrell, E Upper Mount Gravatt Qld	Dickens, F Coolum Qld	Edge, R Maryville NSW
Courtis, A Esperance WA	Dickinson, R B Buderim Qld	Efstratiadis, E, OAM Newtown NSW
Cox, A G Croyden Vic	Dinsmore, G H Cootamundra NSW	Elliott, C A Bilpin NSW
Crago, J D Applecross WA	Dobbs, R Old Bar NSW	Ellis, C V Bowral NSW
Crossing, E G, ISO Deakin ACT	Domin, H Maryborough Qld	Ennis, D W Exeter NSW
Cullen, F, OAM Ivanhoe Vic	Donnelly, D, JP Cromer NSW	Enno, K Cairns Qld
Culley, M Warradale SA	Douglas, G Ipswich Qld	Entsch, W, MP Cairns Qld
Curran, S Scarborough Qld	Dow, R E Wantirna South Vic	Espie, N J, AM Oatlands Tas
Cymbalak, E C Monash ACT	Downey, H R Toombul Qld	Evans, B A Pyrmont NSW
Dalmau, P North Melbourne Vic	Downs, I Bundall Qld	Factor, J Ivanhoe Vic
Dalton, J Wembley Downs WA	Draper, G Benalla Vic	Fairbairn, J F, RNR Golden Beach Qld
Davenport, I Jamison Centre ACT	Drelincourt, S R Medowie NSW	Faithfull, S J, CSM Lawnton Qld
Davern, T Moulden, NT	Drury, H G C, JP Inglewood SA	Fee, L Subiaco WA
Davis, G Alexandra Hills Qld	Duffield, C J Gawler SA	Felsch, D J Raymond Terrace NSW
de Lisle, R Caulfield East Vic	Duffield, J Beechboro WA	Fenton, R K Boronia Vic
De Marchi, D Brunswick Vic	Dunbar, J M Narrabeen NSW	Ferguson, D A Collaroy Beach NSW
Deadman, V E Kincumber NSW	Dunn, B G Campbell ACT	Ferguson, E G Bass Hill NSW
Dean, I B GlenWaverley Vic	Duthie, R Alice Springs NT	Ferrari, A P Rosanna Vic
Dean, T Bull Creek WA	Dyball, J P Craigish Qld	Field, W Seaforth NSW
Dennis, M J Batehaven NSW	Eastwood, P North Rockhampton Qld	Fielder, C D, OAM Adelaide SA
Dey, V, OAM Melbourne Vic	Eaton, B C Manly Vale NSW	Fielder-Gill, W Bateau Bay NSW
		Fielding, M Southport Qld

Finch, F B Kyogle NSW	Freeburn, J Werrabee Vic	Goodwin, J Rainbow Beach Qld
Finney, S W, JP Kotara South NSW	Fuchs, T Armidale NSW	Goram, G Orange NSW
Finney, S W, JP Newcastle NSW	Fyfe, P J, DCM JP South Huonville Tas	Gordon-Brown, O A Inverloch Vic
Fisher, G Mentone Vic	Gable, J Capalaba Qld	Gorsuch, K Hammondville NSW
Fisher, L C Swan View WA	Gabriel, J R D, OAM JP CD Mandurah WA	Govan, R G Lathlain WA
Fisher, R Kincumber NSW	Galletly, M B Mackay Qld	Grady, F Granville NSW
Fitzgerald, W R Parkdale Vic	Gardner, K C Mt Eliza Vic	Green, E K Hobart Tas
Fitzhenry, M Brunswick Heads NSW	Gascoigne, H J West Rosebud Vic	Green, G E Hornsby NSW
Fletcher, G Pental Island Vic	Gash, J, MP Nowra NSW	Green, T Goonellabah NSW
Fletcher, P E Mosman NSW	Gates, R Evans Head NSW	Greentree, J Queanbeyan NSW
Fletcher, W Young NSW	Gaynor, W E, OAM RFD Perth WA	Gregory, P L Caboolture Qld
Flint, J Clovelly NSW	Gentle, A J Moama NSW	Grey, W H Dee Why NSW
Fogarty, M J Weston ACT	Gibson, M, OAM Nanneella Vic	Grieg, G A Sorrento Vic
Foot, R S Maitland NSW	Giddings, K Walkley Heights SA	Griffiths, A H Mentone Vic
Forsyth, D Grenfell NSW	Gilbert, R Coogee NSW	Griffiths, G Sydney NSW
Foster, R J Amaroo ACT	Gilgen, R N North Adelaide SA	Gulliver, K A, AM Killcare NSW
Foster, W Berowra NSW	Gillespie, J Toukley NSW	Gwynn-Jones, B Turrumurra NSW
Fowler, D Nicholls ACT	Gingis, A Cheltenham Vic	Haley, N Lyneham ACT
Fowler, D A Sunnybank Hills Qld	Gluck, A North Balwyn Vic	Hamilton, A Wauchope NSW
Fowler, G Nicholls ACT	Goff, D W Lower Snug Tas	Hammal, R C North Fremantle WA
Frawley, V P Oxenford Qld	Goodman, R, AM St Lucia Qld	Hanna, K, MP Mitchell Park SA
Fredrickson, B Mackay Qld		Hanna, T A East Ipswich Qld

Hannaford, D J Kurrajong NSW	Holmes, R Queenstown Tas	Jones, G Gordon NSW
Hannon, T R Gunalda Qld	Holtzman, C E Bunbury WA	Jones, G T Mona Vale NSW
Harcourt, A Cleveland Qld	Hook, A C Preston Vic	Jones, M K Tully Qld
Hardcastle, K G Ashburton Vic	Horan, J Sea Lake Vic	Jorgensen, J, OAM Sydney NSW
Harper, D G Mildura Vic	Horton, J Lemon Tree Passage NSW	Joshua, R Jerrabomberra NSW
Harris, D Greenn Point NSW	Horton, J Lindfield NSW	Kaplan, L North Ryde NSW
Harris, V R Flinders Park SA	Hoy, R Canberra ACT	Kenneally, G Collaroy NSW
Hawke, A and Barrie, C, AC RAN Canberra ACT	Hutton, J Glebe NSW	Kennedy, A Unley SA
Hayton, K G Sydenham NSW	Iiliffe, J Kingston ACT	Kennett, I J, OAM JP Hobart Tas
Healy, J, OAM Campbell ACT	Ireland, J Canberra ACT	Kent, G E Ashmore Qld
Heath, M Umina Beach NSW	Irving, D W Wantirna South Vic	King, A Buninyong Vic
Helinski, Z Adamstown NSW	Irving, E O Castlecrag NSW	King, N Berry NSW
Helm, E A Queanbeyan NSW	Jackson, W Canberra ACT	King, W J Shoal Bay NSW
Henderson, H J Mt Barker WA	James, W B, AC MBE MC Spring Hill Qld	Kirk, H, JP Elanora Heights NSW
Henderson-Wilson, S Aldinga Beach SA	Jennings, J A R Port Hedland WA	Kirwan, J, RRC address unknown
Heuke, M Firefly NSW	Jessop, P T Bulga NSW	Kleem, V, OAM LM South Brisbane Qld
Higgins, A G Buderim Qld	Johnson, B A Wynyard Tas	Klein, D Forster NSW
Hinchey, A J Oatlands Tas	Johnson, C Knoxfield Vic	Koff, A South Yarra Vic
Hodges, T North Buderim Qld	Johnston, N Woden ACT	Kolantgis, J Urunga NSW
Hogan, B P Toowoomba Mail Centre Qld	Johnstone, D R West Gosford NSW	Kop, F L Slade Point Qld
Hollands, R J Moorebank NSW	Jones, E Safety Bay WA	Lakey, C Geelong West Vic
		Land, G Surfers Link Qld

Lang, G Parkwood Qld	Lyons, W Enoggera Qld	McClelland, D, OAM Perth WA
Lang, H Townsend NSW	Machutta, Frank Canberra ACT	McCombe, T, OAM Parramatta NSW
Langmaid, I S Chigwell Tas	MacLeod, G H Armadale WA	McCoy, J V Rokeby Tas
Lanigan, R Dawesville WA	Macphee, P Toowong Qld	McDonald, H L Turrumurra NSW
Laverack, D F Cottesloe WA	Madden, J Bulahdelah NSW	McDonnell, R Chermside Qld
Lawrence, F G Pialba Qld	Madigan, J H Belgian Gardens Qld	McGauran, P, MP Sale Vic
Le Lacheur, J Rostrevor SA	Magill, R P Townsville Qld	McGindle, E, DFC Beechworth Vic
Leckie, L, OAM Churchlands WA	Maguire, S Drummoyne NSW	McGurgan, B Capabala Qld
Lemon, J New Farm Qld	Maher, S, OAM Lismore Heights NSW	McKenzie, B, OAM Howrah TAS
Lenertz, H F Brighton-Le-Sands NSW	Mainsbridge, R Launceston Tas	McLean, A Dingley Village Vic
Lewis, D R Swanbourne WA	Malcolm, D K, AC Perth WA	McLean, N Wallaroo SA
Lightfoot, R Stirling WA	Mann, D J Natimuk Vic	McLeod, J S Altona Vic
Lindsay, J W Runaway Bay Qld	Marr, J E Arrawarra NSW	McLindon, A F Hamilton Vic
Lister, B Wurtulla Qld	Martin, L G, JP Mornington Vic	McMillan, D O Sydney NSW
Lloyd, V H Ashgrove Qld	Martin, M J, OAM North Adelaide SA	Mead, S R Mornington Vic
Love, R I Hunters Hill NSW	Mason, L K, OBE OAM Sydney NSW	Meehan, J Wheelers Hill Vic
Luck, D Tura Beach NSW	Massey, K Narre Warren Vic	Menadue, E A Albany Creek Qld
Lumley, W R, AM Frankston Vic	Matheson, D J Bendigo Vic	Meredith, M W Woolgoolga NSW
Lynch, K A Moonah Tas	Matons, F Rosebud Vic	Merewether, E J Killara NSW
Lynes, E T, RFD ED South Melbourne Vic	McCarthy, J Hunters Hill NSW	Metcalfe, R U, OAM Hughes ACT
Lyons, S Chadstone Vic	McCarthy, J C A Melbourne Vic	Methven, J, OAM San Remo Vic
	McCarthy, L J Woy Woy NSW	



Michael, G, AO OBE AFC Sydney NSW	Neyle, B Glenmore Park NSW	Parrott, S R D Bradbury NSW
Miles, P J via Woodville NSW	Nicol, L Ferntree Gully Vic	Partridge-Wall, K Wattlegrove NSW
Millhouse, J R Port Noarlunga SA	Nolan, H and Sheb'a, A Norwood SA	Patch, A Loganholme Qld
Misiak, J S, OAM Adelaide SA	Nott, R T, MBE RFD RAN Kenmore Qld	Paterson, W Milgrove Vic
Mitchell, P W Currimundi Qld	O'Brien, J J, JP Sydney NSW	Patterson, G T Wynnum North Qld
Monck, A, AO Semaphore SA	O'Brien, M G Dickson ACT	Patterson, J W Ocean Grove Vic
Morgan, D L Wharparilla North Vic	O'Connor, M K Portland Vic	Pay, K T Bellingen NSW
Morrison, J F Bostobrick NSW	O'Hanlon, J J Banora Point NSW	Payne, R Banora Point NSW
Moss, A E Cairns Qld	O'Neill, B Brunswick Heads NSW	Pearce, B Hadspen Tas
Mossfield, F, AM MP Blacktown NSW	O'Neill, M W Merriwa NSW	Pearce, M Chermside Qld
Mott, J Rockhampton Qld	Oakley, W T Ecucha Vic	Pegram, D L Seven Hills NSW
Mountain, J H Hillcrest Qld	Olney, G Tugun Heights Qld	Peller, N I Epping NSW
Mulcaster, S Moresly WA	Ormsley, N Thomastown Vic	Pepperdine, J M Geelong Vic
Munro, L T Sippy Downs Qld	Orwin, R, JP Loganlea Qld	Perkins, J, MBE RFD ED Beaumaris Vic
Munro, R F Spring Gully Vic	Oxley, R T Yamba NSW	Perkins, P Rockingham WA
Munsie, P Strathfield NSW	Pankhurst, G Ourimbah NSW	Perrier, J Munruben Qld
Munslow-Davies, A Armadale WA	Parker, G Nowra NSW	Peterson, G Toronto NSW
Murphy, P J Tamworth NSW	Parker, G and S Scotsburn Vic	Pettersson, W E Bundaberg Qld
Murray, B Canberra ACT	Parker, J Forrestfield WA	Phillips, P, AO MC Canberra ACT
Nahapiet, G C Belmont NSW	Parkes, E R F Cobram Vic	Pirie, A A Port Macquarie NSW
Nelson, R, OAM Mount Hutton NSW	Parrott, C M, JP Howard Springs NT	Pointon, B The Entrance NSW

Poke, F E Mount Waverley Vic	Ratcliffe, R Seven Hills NSW	Ryan, F St Lucia Qld
Poole, F E Carine WA	Reymond, R A B Moree NSW	Ryan, J Adelaide SA
Pooley, A F Turner ACT	Reynolds, G C Boya WA	Sallans, J Corrimal NSW
Pooley, H Parkwood Qld	Rhodes, R A, JP Cammeray NSW	Sampson, W Lancefield Vic
Porteous, P Eastwood NSW	Richards, S W Earlville Qld	Saunders, K E Batemans Bay NSW
Potter, K Bentleigh East Vic	Richardson, I T NT	Saunders, R G Bega NSW
Prescott, L North Manly NSW	Roach, A Mount Low Qld	Savin, C Beaumaris Vic
Price, H Holbrook NSW	Robbins, A H Anglesea Vic	Schacht, M C Magill SA
Prindiville, R J Wembley Downs WA	Robbins, D B Buderim Qld	Schmid, D J Cockatoo Vic
Printz, J, OAM Sale Vic	Robertson, A Wollstonecraft NSW	Schultz, A Gold Coast Qld
Pritchard, J Quakers Hill NSW	Robinson, J E Harbord NSW	Schuppner, R Wooloongabba Qld
Procter, J E Merriwa NSW	Rodgers, J A Denistone NSW	Scott, J A Singleton NSW
Prosser, G, MP Bunbury WA	Rose, C Chelsea Vic	Scott, L Bribie Island Qld
Prowse, M J Ballina NSW	Rose, G Sunbury Vic	Seltin, E Laurieton NSW
Ptolomey, P Bassendean WA	Rose, J A West Chermside Qld	Senior, R Kings Point NSW
Puckering, W R Northgate Qld	Ross, K S Sunny Bank Qld	Shambrook, R T Gaythorne Qld
Purcell, L F Kambah ACT	Rossiter, G R Maidstone Vic	Shepherd, M J Greensborough Vic
Purcell, M Riverwood NSW	Rowe, J D Hamilton Qld	Shepherd, S L Mt Gravatt Qld
Putney, G Mitcham Vic	Rubens, B Randwick NSW	Shinnick, T Hawthorn SA
Pyke, K N, AFC Swan Reach Vic	Rusbourne, J C Moree NSW	Short, L Kent Town SA
Rabbitt Roff, S Dundee, Scotland, UK	Ruwoldt, R Clifton Springs Vic	Shortland, P Fingal NSW
Ralston, G C Seaham NSW	Ryan, D Woodcroft SA	Simmons, D P Nunawading Vic

Simons, B E Biloela Qld	Spry, R Palm Beach Qld	Thomas, C Harrington NSW
Simons, K Lara Vic	Stanton, H A Everton Park Qld	Thompson, P Gladstone Qld
Sinclair, J J Shoal Bay NSW	Stark, I Blakehurst NSW	Thonard, J C Mount Compass SA
Singer, C Emu Park Qld	Starr, M Cowra NSW	Tingley, R, MC Mandurah WA
Sissing, W J Mount Dandenong Vic	Steere, S G Nollamara WA	Titter, A Noble Park Vic
Skillicorn, K W Glenbrook NSW	Stephen, H Randwick NSW	Tobin, J T G Pagewood NSW
Sleeman, M Concord NSW	Stephenson, D Corowa NSW	Tones, D Clontarf Beach Qld
Small, B J New Lambton NSW	Stevens, E V Woolgoolga NSW	Toomey, T P Paradise Waters Qld
Smith, A C, OAM Plympton SA	Stewart-Moore, J M Durack Qld	Toon, T Keperra Qld
Smith, A E Bardon Qld	Stokes, P A East Hawthorn Vic	Towell, J W Bundanoon NSW
Smith, B D M Mt Claremont WA	Stomann, G Doncaster Vic	Toyer, N Batemans Bay NSW
Smith, C A Greensborough Vic	Stone, J South Coogee NSW	Trau, J Naremburn NSW
Smith, F H Tamworth NSW	Stringer, A G Orange NSW	Turnbull, D Hermit Park Qld
Smith, J Curra Qld	Stringer, P Kianga NSW	Vanstone, P O Alderley Qld
Smith, M Seymour Vic	Sullivan, R L G Salamander Bay NSW	Vertigan, P Lindisfarne Tas
Smith, P R Mannum SA	Sutherland, W A Wodonga Vic	Vines, P, RRC Hampton Vic
Smith, R S Geelong Vic	Sweeney, A W Bateau Bay NSW	Walker, L T A Halls Head WA
Snibson, A G Blackburn Vic	Symonds, N D North Bondi NSW	Wall, G East Gresford NSW
Solly, E, AM Maylands WA	Symons, D R Carlingford NSW	Wallace, C Biggera Waters Qld
Spargo, R F Tomerong NSW	Taplin, H Port Broughton SA	Wallace, J Maroubra NSW
Spence, B West Burleigh Qld	Tardif, C A Tweed Heads NSW	Walpole, T D Wantirna Vic
Spencer, C H West Croydon SA	Taylor, A K, AM Artarmon NSW	Walter, M Woori Yallock Vic

Walters, S Address unknown	White, S Wendouree Vic	Young, G Perth WA
Ward, A Dee Why NSW	Whittem, J Port Macquarie NSW	
Ward, L E Doncaster Vic	Wickham-Hall, J Erina NSW	
Ward, R Melbourne Vic	Williams, L Toowoomba Qld	
Warren, A Bateau Bay NSW	Williams, M G, OAM North Ryde NSW	
Watchman, A Townsville Qld	Williams, R Lindisfarne Tas	
Watson, J Armidale NSW	Williams, T Lake Placid Qld	
Weatherburn, C P Balgowlah NSW	Williamson, D Warana Qld	
Webber, N A Tea Gardens NSW	Wilsher, H Mittagong NSW	
Weekes, A Gosnells WA	Wilson, A East Redfern NSW	
Weggelaar, J W Grovedale Vic	Wilson, J A Murrumba Downs Qld	
Weglewski, W W Epping NSW	Wilson, N J North Dandenong Vic	
Weir, N Point Vernon Qld	Winter, G R Devonport Tas	
Welch, G I Croydon North Vic	Witmitz, T J, APM Kaniva Vic	
Wells, R M Shearwater Tas	Wood, J Glen Waverley Vic	
Westbrook, F, BEM Dural NSW	Woodgate, K R Hervey Bay Qld	
Westgarth, W G Watsonia Vic	Woods, P J via Maleny Qld	
Weston, N J Blackall Qld	Worrall, G Nar Nar Goon Vic	
Wheat, M Nerang Business Centre Qld	Worthington, G Granville NSW	
Wheeler, B A Durras North NSW	Wright, J Jerrabomberra NSW	
Whelan, V J Reservoir Vic	Wynd, H Goonellabah NSW	

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

Minor changes have been made to the names of some organisations to facilitate alphabetical listing.

Airfield Defence Association Australia  
Alzheimer's Association, New South Wales  
Amputees Association of New South Wales, Mid West Branch  
Association of Queensland Korea Veterans  
Atomic Ex-Servicemen's Association  
Australian Commando Association  
Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Association  
Australian Federal Police  
Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women  
Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women, Northern Territory Branch  
Australian Gulf War Veterans Association  
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, National Council  
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, New South Wales Branch  
Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, Summerland Area Ex-Servicewomen's Association Sub-Branch  
Australian Navy in Vietnam Veterans' Welfare Association of Western Australia  
Australian Nuclear Veterans Association  
Australian Nursing Federation  
Australian Paratroopers Association  
Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Association  
Australian Special Air Service Association  
Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council  
Australian War Veterans Extreme Disabled Adjustment Society of Western Australia  
Australian Women's Army Service Association, New South Wales  
Australian Women's Army Service Association, Queensland  
Australian Women's Army Service Association, Victoria  
Australian Women's Army Service Association, Western Australia  
Australian Women's Land Army Association, Victoria  
Australian Women's Land Army, Newcastle Branch

Australian Women's Land Army, Tasmanian Branch  
Australian Women's Land Army United Association  
Australian Women's Land Army, Western Australia Branch  
British Commonwealth Occupation Force National Research Commemorative & Welfare Association  
British Commonwealth Occupation Force Executive Council of Australia  
British Ex-Service Women's Association of Sydney  
British Ex-Services Association (Queensland)  
Chiropractors' Association of Australia  
Coalition Of War Veterans & Associated Groups  
Coffs Harbour Legacy  
Combined New South Wales Extreme Disablement Adjustment Associations  
Connect-a-Vet Project  
Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations, Victoria  
Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations, New South Wales  
Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations, Queensland  
Counter Terrorist and Special Recovery Support Group  
Cowra Breakout Association  
Dandenong/West Gippsland Group of Melbourne Legacy  
Darwin Defenders 1942-45  
De Marchi & Associates  
Department of Defence  
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations  
Department of Family and Community Services  
Dundee University Medical School  
Edgecliff Medical Centre  
8 Elementary Flying Training School Association  
Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Committee  
Ex-Australian Army Medical Women's Service Association of New South Wales  
Ex-Royal Australian Navy Nursing Service Association  
Ex-Service Women's Association of Queensland  
Extreme Disablement Adjustment Associations, National Council  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, National Association  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, New South Wales  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, Queensland  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, South Australia  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, Tasmania  
Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, Western Australia

Ex-Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Association, New South Wales  
 Ex-Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Association, Victoria  
 Far East Strategic Reserve Association (Australia)  
 Far East Strategic Reserve Association (Australia), Victorian Division  
 Federated Tuberculosis Ex-service Association of Australia  
 Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia, Queensland Division  
 48 Battalion / 108 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (Australian Imperial Force) Club  
 Funerals Gundagai  
 Geelong Totally and Permanently Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Welfare and Social Club  
 Gippsland Veterans Welfare Centre  
 Gold Card Campaign Committee  
 HMAS ANZAC Association  
 HMAS Manooora Association  
 HMAS Sydney & Vietnam Logistic Support Veterans Association  
 HMS King George V Association  
 International Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Chapter 23  
 – The Queensland Chapter  
 Justice for Veterans Association  
 Korea & South East Asia Forces Association of Australia  
 Korea Veterans Association of Tasmania  
 Korea Veterans Tasmania  
 Korea War Veterans New South Wales  
 Korean Veterans Association of Australia  
 Lake Macquarie Vietnam Veterans  
 Legacy Co-ordinating Council  
 Legion of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces of Japan Veterans Association of Queensland  
 Limbless Soldiers' Association of Queensland  
 Members of Associations and Clubs for Veterans  
 Mid North Coast Pensioner and Welfare Officers Network  
 Milton Ulladulla & Districts Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Social and Welfare Club  
 Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia  
 'N' Class Destroyers Association of Queensland  
 National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association of Australia  
 National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Queensland), Gladstone & District Branch  
 National Servicemen's Association of Australia, New South Wales Branch  
 Naval Association of Australia

Naval Association of Australia, Burnie–Wynyard Sub-Section  
Naval Association of Australia, Queensland Section  
New Guinea Survey Section Association  
Newcastle & Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans’ Association  
136th Australian General Transport Company Association  
Orange Legacy  
Ozvets Canberra & Queanbeyan District  
Pacific Islands Regiment Association  
Partners of Veterans Association of Australia  
Police Federation of Australia and The United Nations Civilian Police Association of Australia  
Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association Branch Australia  
Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association in Australia, Canberra & District Sub-Branch  
Polish Ex-Servicemen’s Association in Australia, Sydney Sub-Branch  
Port Stephens Veterans and Citizens Aged Care  
Redcliffe District Ex-Service Women’s Club  
Redlands Vietnam Veterans Group  
Regular Defence Force Welfare Association  
Repatriation Commission  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Belconnen Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Benalla Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Brighton Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, British Commonwealth Occupation Force Sub-Branch (New South Wales)  
Returned & Services League of Australia, British Commonwealth Occupation Force Sub-Branch (Victoria)  
Returned & Services League of Australia, British Sub-Branch (Victoria)  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Brunswick Heads/Billinudgel Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Buninyong Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Castle Hill Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, City of Perth Sub-Branch  
Returned & Serviced League of Australia, City of Queanbeyan Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Cobram/Barooga Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Esperance Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Forster/Tuncurry Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Greek Sub-Branch  
Returned & Services League of Australia, Grenfell Sub-Branch



Returned & Services League of Australia, Harrington/Crowdy Head Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Huon Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Ivanhoe Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Lara Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Launceston Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Laurieton Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Lemon Tree Passage & Districts Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Merriwa Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Montmorency Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, National Executive  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, New South Wales Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Nurses Club of Victoria Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Rowes Bay Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Sarina Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Sea Lake Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, South Australia Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, South Hurstville Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, South West Rocks Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmanian Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Waikerie Sub-Branch  
 Returned & Services League of Australia, Western Australia Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, National Council  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, New South Wales Division, Radar Air  
 Defence Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, New South Wales Division, Womens' Australian  
 Auxiliary Air Force Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Queensland Division, Gold Coast  
 & Districts Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Queensland Division, Tewantin-Noosa Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, South Australia Division  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, South Australian Division, Central Women's  
 Australian Auxiliary Air Force Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Queensland Division, Toowoomba Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Victorian Division  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Victorian Division, Ballarat Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Victorian Division, Melbourne Women's  
 Australian Auxiliary Air Force Branch  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, Victorian Division, Training and Support  
 Units Branch

Royal Australian Air Force Association, Western Australia Division, Radar Group  
Royal Australian Air Force Beaufort Squadrons Association  
Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service Association  
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association, New South Wales Branch  
Royal Australian Naval Service South Vietnam  
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association  
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association, New South Wales  
Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association, Queensland  
Scottish Veterans for Victoria  
Second Australian Imperial Force Council  
2/1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion Association, Queensland and Northern Rivers  
New South Wales  
2/1st Medium Artillery Association  
2nd Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment Association Inc.  
Services Assistance Program  
Single Mothers and Their Children, National Council  
Southern Highlands Veterans' & Widows' Entitlement Service  
Southern Peninsula Veterans' Centre  
Special Airborne Services Resources Trust  
Submarines Association Australia  
Submarines Association Australia, Victoria Branch  
Thirtyniners' Association of Australia  
Totally and Partially Disabled Veterans of Western Australia  
Totally & Permanently Disabled Soldiers Association of Australia (TPI)  
Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldier's Association of Australia (Queensland  
Branch)  
Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association of Victoria  
Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Veterans' Association of New South Wales  
Veterans' Support and Advocacy Service Australia  
Victorian Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen & Women  
Victorian Blinded Soldiers' Association  
Vietnam Logistical Support Veteran's Association Queensland  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, New South Wales Branch, Far North Coast  
Sub-Branch  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, New South Wales Branch,  
Hastings/Manning/Macleay Sub-Branch  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, National Council  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, New South Wales Branch  
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia South Australia Branch

Vietnam Veterans' Federation

Vietnam Veterans' Federation, South Australia Branch

Vietnam Veterans' Federation, Queensland Branch

Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club

War Widows' Guild of Australia

Wartime Mariners and Norwegian Veterans

World War II Veterans Association, New South Wales Sydney State Branch

## APPENDIX FIVE

# PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

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The Review Committee held a range of public and private meetings across Australia.

Speakers at public meetings are listed below, in the order in which they spoke. If a speaker indicated that they were representing a particular organisation, the organisation is listed alongside their name. The Committee trusts that no offence is caused if an individual's personal title is not included. Titles are listed if the speaker provided them.

Following information about each public meeting, a list is provided of those organisations and individuals that met privately with the Committee in each locality.

An asterisk indicates that a submission was accepted to the Review from the particular organisation or individual.

## PERTH

### Public Meeting — 22 May 2002

#### Speakers:

Clayton, P M\*  
Thubron, D\*  
Howe, L  
McArthur, B  
Head, P  
Bodey, J L\*  
Anderson, Dr P C\*  
Rowe, T J\*  
Shaw, G J\*

Ryan, R R\*

Burge, S, The Totally and Partially Disabled Association,  
Western Australia

Greenwood, L P T\*

Borkowski, J\*

Smith, B D M\*

Herrison, W

Robinson, J E

Thompson, J

Leverence, L J\*

Macnish, C J\*

Herrison, B

Solly, E\*, AM, Australian Army Women's Service Association,  
Western Australia

Lynch, P\*

Nally, C

Clifton, M L\*

McLeod, G, Members of Associations and Clubs for Veterans

### **Private Meetings — 20–21 May 2002**

Australian Navy in Vietnam Veterans' Welfare Association of  
Western Australia\*

Services Assistance Program\*

Members of Associations and Clubs for Veterans\*

Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated  
Ex-Servicemen and Women\*, National Executive

Counter Terrorist and Special Recovery Support Group\*

Australian Special Air Service Association\*, National Executive

National Association of Extremely Disabled Veterans,  
Western Australia\*

Duffield, J\*

National Council of Extreme Disablement Adjustment Associations\*,  
Western Australia

Royal Australian Air Force Association, Western Australia Division,  
Radar Group\*

**Private Visit — 20 May 2002**

Special Air Service Regiment, Swanbourne, Perth

**SYDNEY****Public Meeting — 23 May 2002****Speakers:**

Pritchard, Lt Col (Ret) J\*

McMaster, R\*

Fitzgibbon, T\*

Jones, G\*, Returned & Services League of Australia, British  
Commonwealth Occupation Force Sub-Branch (New South Wales)

Adams, B\*, Coalition of War Veterans & Associated Groups

Moore, R

Barry, K, Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia,  
National Association\*

Pegram, D L\*

Burchall, H

Sinden, J G\*

Allan, J

Trau, Dr J

Gray, J

Aubrey, W L \*

McDonald, T, New South Wales Nurses Association

Wallace, J\*, Second Australian Imperial Force Council

Rubens, B\*

Viertel, Flt Lt (Ret) C\*

Macarthur-Stanham, R Q

Pryor, C\*

Murphy, M\*

Steley, D R\*

Wighton, K

Harrison, K\*

Case, T E\*  
 Hamilton, K D\*  
 Ennis, D W\*  
 Smith, R\*  
 Eberle, B\*  
 Douglas, R E\*  
 Uren, The Hon T  
 Merewether, E J\*  
 Smith, T

### **Private Meetings — 23–24 May 2002**

Submarines Association Australia\*  
 Submariners Group\*  
 Royal Australian Air Force Association, New South Wales Division,  
 Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force Branch\*  
 Australian Women's Army Service Association, New South Wales\*  
 Ex-Australian Army Medical Women's Service Association of  
 New South Wales\*  
 Ex-Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Association,  
 New South Wales\*  
 Atomic Ex-Servicemen's Association\*  
 Vietnam Veterans' Federation\*  
 Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council\*  
 Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations, New South Wales\*

## **CANBERRA**

### **Public Meeting — 5 June 2002**

#### **Speakers:**

Wheeler, B A\*  
 Colhoun, E T, AM\*  
 Cox, J J\*  
 Irvine, L, Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia, ACT Branch  
 Stone, R, Ozvets Canberra & Queanbeyan District\*

Hagl, N  
 Brown, R E\*  
 Hindson, W, Australian Capital Territory Totally and Permanently  
 Incapacitated Association  
 Armstrong, J  
 Gruetzner, N  
 Quantrill, Maj (Ret) J M\*  
 Evans, A\*  
 McManus, J  
 Crossing, E G\*  
 Tomlins, P J\*  
 Miller, J R\*  
 Bischof, J C\*  
 James, F  
 Machutta, F  
 Burt, A\*  
 Lee, Cmdr (Ret) M J\*  
 Foster, R J\*  
 Hyde, M\*  
 McDonald, L L\*  
 Weir, Dr M  
 Trinder, Air Cdre (Ret) J P H\*  
 Bolte, J  
 Brown, A

### **Private Meetings — 3–5 June 2002**

Returned & Services League of Australia, National Executive\*  
 National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association of Australia\*  
 Macphillamy, N\*  
 Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia\*  
 Riethmuller, M V\*  
 Cymbalak, E C\*  
 Regular Defence Force Welfare Association, National Office\*



New Guinea Survey Section Association\*

Jorm, P\*

Legacy Co-ordinating Council\*

War Widows' Guild of Australia\*

Parrott, Fsgt (Ret) P C\*

## **DARWIN**

### **Public Meeting — 13 June 2002**

#### **Speakers:**

Parrott, C\*

Richardson, I T\*

Davern, T\*, Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently  
Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women, Northern Territory

Everrett, W, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association,  
Northern Territory

Lavery, J

Pattemore, M V\*

Mayo, D

Wilson, A

### **Private Meeting — 13 June 2002**

The Naval Association of Australia\*

## **LISMORE**

### **Public Meeting — 24 June 2002**

#### **Speakers:**

Cowper, C W, OAM\*

Moore, Lcdr (Ret) D\*

Wynd, H\*, Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women,  
Summerland Area

Ex-Servicewomen's Association Sub-Branch

Bush, J

Whitten, J

O'Neill, B\*

McCaughey, W R\*

Meredith, M W\*

Merchant, W E\*

Davis, K

Vidler, K\*

Greenland, G

Maher, S\*, OAM, Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia,  
New South Wales Branch, VAA, Far North Coast Sub-Branch

Bellairs, B

Lang, H\*

Beale, J E\*

Chandler, B\*, Coffs Harbour Legacy

Smith, R

Bailey, D R\*

Garthon

## **TOWNSVILLE**

### **Public Meeting — 25 June 2002**

#### **Speakers:**

Turnbull, D\*

Magill, R P\*

Madigan, J H\*

Evans, L

Barton, F

Dunne, P J\*

Birch, I

Jeffrey, L

Fittler, B

Rogers, B

## Private Meetings — 25 June 2002

Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Association\*  
Mylne, G\*

## BRISBANE

### Public Meeting — 26 June 2002

#### Speakers:

Sturt, W P\*  
Shields, K  
Hooper, T  
Wilson, P I\*  
Bickle, R H\*, Legion of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces of  
Japan Veterans Association of Queensland  
King, J  
Toms, K N\*  
Farquhar, C J\*  
Pinkstone, D\*  
McDonell, R\*  
Zerk, T\*  
Goodman, Dr R\*, AM  
Nott, R T\*, Vietnam Logistical Support Veterans' Association of  
Queensland  
Goodman, W\*  
Leckie, H\*  
Walker, Rev R J\*  
Luder, J\*  
Carr, R L\*  
Perrier, J\*  
Hanna, T\*  
Pooley, H\*  
O'Reilly, G L\*  
Lloyd, Lt Col (Ret) D\*

Drews, N K\*  
 Elliott, M W\*  
 Boyd, P  
 Ryan, F\*  
 Wheat, M\*, Vietnam Veterans' Federation, Queensland Branch  
 Dillon, K  
 Merton, G  
 Smith, W\*  
 Wiles, G\*  
 Grace, V  
 Smith, K  
 Maloney, F  
 Sampson, N  
 McCann, A

### **Private Meetings — 26–27 June 2002**

Submariners Group representative\*  
 Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club\*  
 Connect-a-Vet Project\*  
 Port Stephens Veterans and Citizens Aged Care\*  
 Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia,  
 National Association\*  
 James, Maj Gen (Ret) W B\*  
 James, R\*  
 Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia, Queensland Division\*  
 Maher, R\*  
 Far East Strategic Reserve Association (Australia)\*  
 Atomic Ex-Servicemen's Association\*  
 British Commonwealth Occupation Force Executive Council of  
 Australia\*  
 Veterans' Support and Advocacy Service Australia\*

## HOBART

### Public Meeting — 1 July 2002

#### Speakers:

Shotter, M

McGuiness, J N\*

McCoy, J\*

Hinchey, A J\*

Goff, D W\*

Matthewson, K

Vervaart, C\*

Staunton-Smith, M, Royal Australian Air Force Association,  
Tasmania Division

### Private Meetings — 1–2 July 2002

TPI Association Tasmania

The Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmanian Branch\*

Korea Veterans Tasmania\*

Extremely Disabled War Veterans' Association of Australia, Tasmania\*

Australian Women's Land Army, Tasmanian Branch\*

## MELBOURNE

### Public Meeting — 3 July 2002

#### Speakers:

Bailey, L W\*

Johnstone, J\*

Patterson, B

Vines, P\*, Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations, Victoria

Kennedy, C\*

Gascoigne, H J\*

Welch, G I\*

Factor, Dr J\*

Fitzpatrick, P

Jenkins, D A\*  
Parker, G and S\*  
Lyons, S\*  
Ashmore, A\*  
Phillips, J G\*  
Glenn, L G\*  
Patterson, J W\*  
Milner, F, Thirtyniners' Association of Australia, Victoria Branch  
Amos, D\*  
Walters, M L\*  
Margetts, S\*  
Dunn, B L\*  
Walker, D H\*  
Branson, P\*  
Stewart-Scott, R\*  
Grainger, C\*  
Murphy, D\*  
Cheal, J\*  
McNamara, T\*  
Hardcastle, K G\*  
Nicholson, B\*  
Pearce, A  
Price, L H\*  
Dalmau, P\*  
Lawrence, C M\*  
Rose, C\*  
Snibson, A G\*  
Smith, C  
Treloar, C  
Gingis, A\*  
Manning, R\*  
Baldwin, B\*  
Rohde, M\*

## Private Meetings — 2–3 July 2002

Darwin Defenders 1942–45\*

Korean Veterans Association of Australia\*

Returned & Services League of Australia, Victorian Division,  
various State Sub-Branches\*

National Council of Extreme Disablement Adjustment Associations\*

Royal Australian Air Force Association, Victorian Division\*

Australian Nursing Federation\*

Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council\*

Newman, G M\*

Submarines Association of Australia, Victoria Branch\*

Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Association of Victoria

Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health

Short, J H\*

de Lisle, R B

Manning, R\*

## ADELAIDE

### Public Meeting — 9 July 2002

#### Speakers:

Blyth, G, Association of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated  
Ex-Servicemen and Women, South Australia Branch

Milbank, K N\*

Taplin, H\*

Ryan, H J

Jebb, J

Jordan, T E\*

Thonard, Dr J C\*

Briscoe, T J\*

Schacht, M C\*

Tindal, M\*

McCall, R

Shinnick, T\*  
Cloter, J\*  
Haese, H A\*  
Sheb'a, A\*  
Hargrave, C  
Kieselbach, S\*  
Woodall, G\*  
Amos, T A  
Noyce, P  
Smith, A C\*, OAM  
Henstridge, B L\*  
Denny, B  
Fisher, K D  
Young, Lt (Ret) H S\*  
Noyce, W H\*  
McIntosh, A R\*  
Meyer, H  
Sullivan, J R\*  
McLaren, Y  
Halladay, E  
Whittall, J A\*  
Blight, T W\*  
Collins, H E R\*  
Jacobsen, A G\*  
Hudson, A J\*  
McPherson, J  
Fidock, N  
Lockwood, B  
Bruce, R J  
Goreham, J  
Buckman, C\*



## **Private Meetings — 8 July 2002**

Hamilton-Smith, M, State Member for Waite, South Australia\*  
 Gold Card Campaign Committee\*  
 Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association Branch Australia\*  
 Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia, South  
 Australia\*  
 Jenkins, D O\*  
 RAAF Beaufort Squadrons Association\*  
 Korea & South East Asia Forces Association of Australia\*

## **Private Visit — 8 July 2002**

Australian Submarine Corporation, Osbourne, SA

## **SYDNEY**

### **Private Meetings — 9–11 July 2002**

Returned & Services League of Australia, British Commonwealth  
 Occupation Force Sub-Branch (New South Wales)\*  
 HMS King George V Association\*  
 Pacific Islands Regiment Association\*  
 Australian Gulf War Veterans Association\*  
 Australian Women's Land Army United Association\*  
 Australian Nuclear Veterans Association\*  
 MacDougall, I D\*, VADM AC AFSM RAN Rtd  
 Police Federation of Australia and The United Nations Civilian Police  
 Association of Australia\*  
 Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women, New South Wales  
 Branch\*  
 Jones, E A\*  
 8 Elementary Flying Training School Association\*  
 World War II Veterans Association New South Wales Sydney State  
 Branch\*  
 Federated Tuberculosis Ex-service Association of Australia\*  
 Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Association\*

Parker, P A\*

## **NEWCASTLE**

### **Public Meeting — 11 July 2002**

Finney, S W\*, Newcastle and Hunter Region Vietnam Veterans

Small, B J\*

Vesper, C

Patrick, C, Australian Women's Land Army, Newcastle Branch\*

Oldfield, E T

McClelland, T

Quinn, J\*

McManus-Smith, D

Small, B J (on behalf of Warne, E)

Mowbray, G

Helinski, L\*

Barry, K, Combined New South Wales Extreme Disablement  
Adjustment Associations

Doyle, P

Sellers, A

Laughton, R\*

Freeburn, C

Alexander, K

### **Private Meetings — 11 July 2002**

Partners of Veterans Association of Australia\*

Extreme Disablement Adjustment Veterans' Association Australia,  
Toukley Branch

## **CANBERRA**

### **Private Meetings — 24 July 2002**

Repatriation Commission\*

Federated Tuberculosis Ex-service Association of Australia\*

Royal Australian Air Force Association\*

The Naval Association of Australia, National Council\*

**Private Meeting — 11 September 2002**

The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women Limited, National Executive\*

**Private Meeting — 18 September 2002**

Repatriation Commission\*

**Private Meeting — 24 September 2002**

Department of Family and Community Services\*

**Private Meetings — 25 September 2002**

Australian Ex-Service and Atomic Survivors' Association\*

Batchelor, Maj (Ret) A\*, MBE,

Australian Federal Police\*

Additional briefings were also provided by Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Defence and Family and Community Services and the Australian Defence Force on a range of subject matters.

## **APPENDIX SIX**

# **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Submissions to the Committee raised many issues and proposals for change. As outlined in Chapter 1, the Committee took a very broad interpretation of its terms of reference, thereby giving the veteran community an opportunity to have its views considered. It soon became clear, however, that not every submission accepted or issue raised would be able to be examined and commented upon in detail in this Report.

This appendix deals with those issues that were considered by the Committee to be marginal to the terms of reference. The issues have been grouped, but are not otherwise ordered, and some items overlap. As many items as possible have been covered, but this is not an exhaustive list.

The Committee has made some general observations about the issues. The Minister might wish to have the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) examine any or all of these matters.

### **EXTENDING AVAILABILITY OF MOBILITY AND THERAPEUTIC AIDS**

#### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- requests for various items, including electronic scooters; lifts for staircases; higher-quality hearing aids, particularly digital aids; beds; prescription glasses, including extra reading glasses and sunglasses; oxygen tanks; mobile phones; footwear; and personal alarm systems;
- some items should be available free of charge, and for all and not just accepted disabilities; and

- repair and maintenance of aids should be covered.

## **Observation**

The Committee did not have sufficient information or expertise to assess whether the aids being sought by the authors of these submissions were medical needs of the veterans concerned. Nor has the Committee examined the extent to which DVA reviews its policies on aids and appliances. However, it believes that, as a principle, aids for veterans and war widows should reflect advances in medical science and technology, consistent with the Government's responsibilities for the care and welfare of the veteran community.

## **EXTENDING ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICINES**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- access to alternative services, such as aquatherapy, acupuncture, massage and herbal remedies.

## **Observation**

The Committee's comments above are relevant to this issue. As a principle, the scientific merit of alternative medicines should be reviewed regularly by DVA to ensure the best health care is available for veterans and widows.

## **STANDARDS AND IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- delays in receiving treatment;
- reduced standards in former repatriation hospitals;
- options for choosing hospitals and specialists;
- entry arrangements and standards of nursing homes;
- access to new learning and technology for the medical profession;
- provision of diabetic education;
- assistance for tinnitus sufferers;

- improved residential care arrangements for veterans; and
- better arrangements between allied health service providers (e.g. chiropractors) and DVA.

## **Observation**

Comments made above are relevant. The Department might wish to examine the submissions from particular allied health professional bodies seeking closer working relationships with DVA.

## **ISSUES FACING THOSE LIVING IN RURAL, REMOTE AND ISOLATED AREAS**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- access to services, the higher costs of living, difficulties while raising children and the social isolation of veterans in rural, remote and isolated areas;
- particular mention of medical, transport (including the cost of travelling for treatment), education, welfare and banking services; and
- difficulties faced by Indigenous veterans and their dependants in accessing DVA and other services.

## **Observation**

The Committee is sympathetic to the difficulties faced by veterans and their dependants living in rural and remote areas. It understands that Government has a wide range of programs across most portfolios to address the isolation from services of rural and remote communities. The Committee suggests, however, that DVA might need to take a closer look at the issues raised in the submissions and develop further joint approaches with other agencies, state and local governments and community organisations. Also, the Committee notes that, in recent years, DVA has tried to improve accessibility to services for Indigenous veterans and their families. The effectiveness of this work might need to be examined in the light of comments made to the Committee about continuing difficulties.

## **INCREASED CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES WITH THE VETERAN COMMUNITY**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- need for new, or more, consultative forums with DVA (e.g. joint government and ex-service forums).

### **Observation**

The Committee notes that DVA has many consultative forums at national and state level. The submissions received by the Committee represent a significant body of information about the concerns of the veteran community. DVA might wish to examine the public submissions to identify the areas of concern and explore means of obtaining regular feedback from individual veterans and their family members.

## **INADEQUACY OR LACK OF FLEXIBILITY OF ALLOWANCES, SERVICES AND OTHER BENEFITS**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- inadequacy of veterans' travel and meal allowance rates;
- allowances should cover travel of spouses;
- comments on the pharmaceutical, clothing, telephone, recreation, transport and decoration allowances;
- special allowances for particular groups of veterans, for example veterans of Bomber Command, blinded veterans and those with mesothelioma;
- increases in the allowable hours for respite care and home care, including changes in who could be used to carry out maintenance work;
- enhancement of dental health and optical services;
- complaints about the costs of a range of health services;
- veterans in nursing homes should be exempt from charges;
- a subsidy to assist special rate recipients to pay life insurance; and
- restructure of the rates provided for amputees under s.27 of the VEA.

## **Observation**

DVA might wish to examine these submissions.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- waiver of Higher Education Contribution Scheme payments;
- increased allowances for the Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES); and
- VCES payments to be made in a lump sum at the beginning of the year.

### **Observation**

- The Committee has made some recommendations elsewhere in this Report about education assistance, especially for children of veterans unable to work.

## **INCOME AND ASSETS TEST**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- non means-tested service pensions for all veterans, or for specific groups of veterans;
- exclusion of various items from the calculation of assets, including a second residential home, unused farmland, entry fees to retirement villages and nursing home bonds; and
- exemption of some income, including profits on superannuation.

### **Observation**

Many income and assets test issues were raised with the Committee, which did not feel that it had the time to thoroughly examine them. Many of the concerns and proposals put forward would have implications for social security pensioners as well as for DVA service pensioners. The Department of Family and Community Services and DVA might wish to examine these.



## **RATES AND CALCULATIONS FOR PENSIONS**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- concerns about exchange rates used for overseas pensions and rates payable to single versus married pensioners.

### **Observation**

The exchange rate issues raised could be examined by DVA. Comments above about income and assets test issues are relevant to the concerns about the relativity of single and married rate pensions.

## **COMPENSATION OFFSETTING ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- concern about the provisions of s.30 and s.74 of the VEA, in particular, the treatment of lump sum compensation payments and the lack of appeal mechanisms against the application of the provisions.

### **Observation**

The Committee notes that this is an extremely complex area of the legislation. It did not have sufficient time to consider fully the issues raised and suggests that the Government might wish to have the concerns of the veteran community examined.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASE**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- concern about a claimant's rights when applications for an increase in the disability pension actually resulted in a reduction.

### **Observation**

Several authors raised this concern. In some cases, veterans felt intimidated into withdrawing applications by the possibility of a pension reduction. The

Committee endorses the policy that the rate of disability pension paid should be commensurate with the actual current level of incapacity as assessed, but DVA might need to examine its processes to ensure that applicants do not disadvantage themselves.

## **RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENTS**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issue:

- retrospective payments for accepted disabilities, compensation and treatment.

### **Observation**

Retrospective payments were sought for a variety of reasons particular to the cases. The Committee offered to refer authors' cases to DVA for consideration. In most cases, however, the matters had already been examined by DVA and dealt with by ministerial responses. The Committee was unable to assess these claims, but notes both that determining authorities are bound to apply the law and that act of grace provisions exist for certain circumstances.

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SERVICES**

### **Issues Raised in Submissions**

Submissions raised the following issues:

- enhancements of DVA operations and services;
- inconsistencies in decision making, delays in assessment of claims, processes for dealing with complaints, the correction of mistakes, and lack of publicity about benefits and changes to entitlements;
- reimbursement of costs of medical reports, and especially the adequacy of the \$467.50 Veterans' Review Board reimbursement;
- assessment of psychiatric and psychological conditions and the use of historians in claims involving stressors and posttraumatic stress disorder;
- the Department to pay carer's allowance, presently paid by Centrelink;
- the Department to pay family tax benefit; and
- reimbursement of loss of earnings if a veteran does not return to work due to accepted disabilities.

## **Observation**

DVA might wish to examine these issues.

## APPENDIX SEVEN

# SUBMISSIONS OUTSIDE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Matters put forward in submissions to the Committee but considered to be outside the terms of reference have been grouped here by type, as in Appendix 6, which outlines miscellaneous issues raised in submissions.

Within each broad category, authors of submissions may have commented on, or recommended changes to, many aspects of particular matters. For example, the most commonly raised issue outside the terms of reference, unless it was linked to prerequisites for entitlement to benefits, was eligibility for medals.

Issues raised in such submissions included:

- upgrading certain service from the Australian Service Medal (ASM) to the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM);
- issuing a medal for all who served as permanent members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF);
- issuing the Vietnam Medal for ADF service in Vietnam between 12 January 1973 and 29 April 1975;
- issuing a medal to those who served in Darwin during World War II;
- issuing a Regular Forces Medal and a Reserve Forces medal;
- issuing an Infantry Combat Badge;
- issuing a volunteer medal;
- issuing a medal to recognise service on Navy ships in South Vietnam in 1963;
- issuing a medal to all totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) veterans;
- issuing a war widow's medal; and
- a number of matters relating to the issue of medals to peacekeepers.

Authors of submissions raising these matters were invited to have their correspondence referred to the Department of Defence (the responsible government agency) for consideration and reply.

The other most commonly raised issues outside the terms of reference were:

- the provisions of the current Military Compensation Scheme and entitlements of individual claimants under that scheme;
- Defence Service Homes issues, including eligibility and portability;
- the content and application of the Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veterans' Pensions;
- the repatriation determining system and its structure and processes, including legal aid, review and appeal rights, and complaints processing;
- the operation of the Repatriation Private Patient Scheme and access to private hospitals for veterans and war widows;
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) issues;
- exemption of benefits such as the service pension and family payments from taxation;
- concessions provided by state, territory and local governments, particularly access to concessional or free public transport (including wider access to the Pensioner Concession Card for those veterans currently without it);
- management of service records, including their loss or destruction; and
- support for health studies.

In some submissions, the authors raised concerns about the handling of their personal cases. In these instances, with the permission of the authors, submissions were referred to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for examination and reply.

Several submissions were also referred to the Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA), as they raised concerns about the operations of that organisation, particularly its Statements of Principles (SOPs). A number of submissions commented generally about the complexity of the SOPs system and difficulties for claimants caused by frequent changes to SOPs. Many raised concerns about specific SOPs (e.g. for musculoskeletal conditions, glaucoma, asbestosis and mesothelioma, essential hypertension, cancer of the prostate and haemorrhoids). These were accepted, but the Committee ultimately decided that, because this area was not specifically included in the terms of reference, the Government did not intend it to be considered.

Other issues raised outside the terms of reference were:

- the provision of lump sums under the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930* and the *Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1971*;
- indexation mechanisms for the Military Superannuation Benefits Scheme and the Defence Forces Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme;
- access to life insurance schemes for ADF members and special rate recipients;
- exclusion of some veterans who served in Vietnam from the Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans;
- the non-indexation of British retirement pensions payable by the British Government to British veterans resident in Australia;
- eligibility of divorced wives or other family members of POWs for the \$25,000 ex-POW compensation payment;
- the composition of the Veterans' Review Board and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- records of injuries, and accuracy of, and access to, individual personnel and medical records in the Department of Defence;
- operations of the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Service;
- briefing of ADF members on their entitlements to compensation;
- increases in local council rates;
- eligibility for war graves and issues relating to memorial plaques;
- a gratuity for World War II veterans;
- the recognition of the incidence of motor neurone disease amongst veterans in entitlement processes;
- education of the public about the true meaning of being a TPI veteran;
- the operations and services of other organisations, such as Centrelink;
- Child Support Agency legislative provisions and operations;
- funding for, and training of, ex-service organisations, including advocates and Training and Information Program officers;
- the need to include additional pharmaceuticals in pharmaceutical benefits schemes;
- lack of legislated appeal mechanisms for decisions by Repatriation Commission delegates about provision of health care;

- bank charges on transactions in bank accounts to which pensions are credited directly; and
- reciprocal arrangements between Australia and other countries for veterans' pension and health entitlements.

A number of submissions also mentioned superannuation arrangements, including the indexation of superannuation benefits and the levels of parliamentary superannuation, and local government superannuation scheme decisions affecting disability pensioners.

Some submissions sought exemption from paying GST or other taxes on specific items (e.g. funerals, motor vehicles, gas and electricity), and some also commented on increased costs of living caused by the introduction of the GST. The Review lacked the time and resources to investigate matters considered to have tenuous links to those issues identified in its terms of reference. The Committee trusts that authors of submissions considered to be outside the terms of reference understand that the Committee had to remain focused on the major issues identified by Government.

## APPENDIX EIGHT

# PREVIOUS REVIEWS

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### ***Independent Enquiry into the Repatriation System by the Hon Mr Justice P B Toose CBE, June 1975 (referred to as the Toose Report)***

Following an announcement by the Prime Minister in May 1971, the Hon Justice P B Toose CBE was appointed in October 1971 and commenced the independent non-parliamentary inquiry into the repatriation system.

The terms of reference of the enquiry focused on the principles of the repatriation system, recommending changes to simplify the legislation and the repatriation system itself.

The report, presented in June 1975, was extensive. It remains a rich source of historical background information on the repatriation system and its underlying principles.

### ***The Report of the Advisory Committee on Repatriation Legislation Review, November 1983 (referred to as the Advisory Committee Report)***

In September 1982, the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon A J Messner, announced a comprehensive review to provide simplified legislation covering all repatriation entitlements.

The report of the advisory committee made many detailed recommendations for change to the legislation, which formed the basis for changes made with the enactment of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA). The report provided useful background material about the intent of the current legislation.

### ***Study of Returned Servicewomen of the Second World War, 1985***

In October 1984, the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon A T Gietzelt, announced that the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) would conduct a study of returned servicewomen of the World War II, in respect of numbers, benefits available and the need for additional assistance.



The report provided useful information about the service, status and state of health of the returned servicewomen of that conflict.

***The Veterans' Entitlements Act Monitoring Committee Reports by the Hon P B Toose CBE QC, May 1988 (referred to as the VEA Monitoring Committee Report)***

In April 1986, during the Senate's consideration of the Veterans Entitlements Bill and its associated legislation, the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon A T Gietzelt, gave an undertaking to establish a committee to monitor the operations of the VEA once the proposed legislation had been in operation for a period of one year.

The Monitoring Committee's role was to examine the extent to which the Government's stated intentions for the VEA were achieved in practice. The reports, which included 58 recommendations for change on a range of issues, provided some useful observations.

***Report on Inquiry into the Needs of Australian Mariners, Commonwealth and Allied Veterans and Allied Mariners by Miss J McGirr, Deputy President of the Repatriation Commission, October 1989***

In January 1989, the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon B Humphreys MP, established this inquiry to report on benefits and services for Australian mariners and Commonwealth and allied veterans and allied mariners.

The report provided useful historical information on the service of Australian merchant mariners as well as background on extensions of benefits and services to them and to Commonwealth and allied veterans and allied mariners.

***Audit Report No 8, 1992-93, Efficiency Audit, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Compensation pensions to veterans and war widows, by the Auditor-General, December 1992 (referred to as the Auditor-General's Report 1992-93)***

This was an audit of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the current operations of the Commonwealth's repatriation program in granting disability and war widow's pensions for war or service related disability and death. The report suggested ways that the DVA could improve its administration of compensation. It also raised two key issues: whether the tenuous causal link between disability and war service frequently accepted under the legislation placed an unreasonable burden on the taxpayer and resulted in inequities among veterans and their dependants; and whether the needs of younger veterans were being sufficiently addressed.

The recommendation for a review of a number of areas of the DVA compensation subprogram resulted in the establishment of the following review.

***A Fair Go: Report on Compensation for Veterans and War Widows by Professor P Baume AO, March 1994 (referred to as the Baume Report)***

The then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon John Faulkner, established the Veterans' Compensation Review Committee in August 1993. The terms of reference tasked the committee to review and make recommendations on the adequacy of the repatriation legislation for establishing entitlement to the disability pension and the war widow's pension, and associated practice.

The report provides valuable information regarding compensation and income support payments, as well as rehabilitation.

***Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence Related Awards by General P C Gration AC OBE, March 1994 (referred to as the CIDA Report)***

This inquiry was the first stage of a comprehensive public inquiry into the Australian system of honours and awards, and reviewed defence and defence-related areas of interest, including the application of Australian awards in recognition of service by Australians in such areas.

Although not utilised extensively by the current Committee and the Secretariat, the report provided useful commentary in relation to categories of service, including service of non-Defence personnel.

***Inquiry into Military Compensation Arrangements for the Australian Defence Force, March 1997***

The Black Hawk helicopter crash in June 1996 focused attention on the levels of compensation for dependants of those killed, as well as for those Australian Defence Force (ADF) members severely injured. It also drew attention to the differences in applicable compensation arrangements for members of the ADF. On 30 October 1996, the then Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, Senator the Hon B K Bishop, announced an inquiry into compensation for members of the ADF.

The inquiry identified the need for a separate military compensation scheme and recommended that dual eligibility under the VEA and the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRCA) should not be continued for new cases.

The report provides helpful background regarding more recent compensation arrangements for ADF members. It led to a further review of the Military Compensation Scheme, mentioned below.

***Review of the Repatriation Medical Authority and the Specialist Medical Review Council by Professor D Pearce, October 1997***

Successive ministers for veterans' affairs gave an undertaking to review 1994 amendments to the VEA, which provided a new system of compensation for veterans and established the Repatriation Medical Authority, the Specialist Medical Review Council and the Statements of Principles process.

The review found that the revised system had fulfilled Parliament's intention of a more equitable, consistent, efficient and non-adversarial system based on sound medical-scientific evidence for determining claims for disability pensions for veterans and their dependants. However, recommendations designed to improve the system were made.

The report contained some interesting material relating to issues surrounding the determination of claims for disability pensions.

***The Review of the Military Compensation Scheme, conducted by Mr N Tanzer AC, March 1999 (referred to as the Tanzer Report)***

The Tanzer review followed the *Inquiry into Military Compensation Arrangements for the Australian Defence Force* (see above) and was established to develop options for a single, self-contained military compensation scheme for peacetime service.

The review proposed a new scheme based on the principles of effective prevention of work-related injuries and illness, effective injury management, and consistent, cost-effective compensation.

Chapter 7 of the present Report addresses issues related to the development of the new Military Compensation Scheme in response to government consideration of the Tanzer Report.

***Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies in Respect of South-East Asian Service 1955–1975, Major General the Hon R F Mohr RFD EL RL, February 2000 (referred to as the Mohr Report)***

The then Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, announced the establishment of a review of possible anomalies in service entitlements affecting those members of the ADF who served in South-East Asia during the period 1955–75.

The review was aimed at examination of service in a specific region and time period. Particular service investigated included: RAAF Ubon in Thailand; service with the naval component of the Far East Strategic Reserve; RAAF Butterworth in Malaysia; and service in Malaysia during the period of confrontation with Indonesia.

In addition to providing useful information in relation to deployments to South-East Asia, the report provides helpful comments in relation to the difficulties that arise when dealing with an 'anomaly'.

The Government implemented most of the recommendations of the report. Recommendations not implemented and some of Justice Mohr's conclusions are the subject of submissions before the current Review.