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Hi All,

For your information and action if necessary. Greg, can. We get this out to the Battalions and Ted please get this on to our website. The same in SA please Mal. The time line is crucial. I will try and out something together from here but it's a bit problematic operating with a tablet. The harmonisation of the four Acts is at the crux of this and how they do that is way above my pay scale. We have had lectures on this by Professors of Law from the ANU, and even they were not clear how this could be done, but it is a major issue. I will be following this up.

Cheers

Mike

## **Minister Keogh - Government Seeks Your Feedback on Veterans' Legislative Reform**

**MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE PERSONNEL**



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**GOVERNMENT SEEKS YOUR FEEDBACK ON VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE REFORM**

Consultation on reforming veterans' legislation has commenced today with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) seeking submissions from the community.

The Australian Government recently agreed to Recommendation 1 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Interim Report, which called for the development and passage of legislation to simplify and harmonise the framework for veterans' compensation, rehabilitation and other entitlements.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs the Hon. Matt Keogh said the Government is determined to deliver on its commitment to implement this recommendation in accordance with the timeline set out by the Royal Commission.

"The existing legislative framework is too complex, making it challenging for the department to process claims and difficult for veterans to access the services and support they need," Mr Keogh said.

A significant investigation of the legislative framework has already been completed by the Productivity Commission in its 2019 inquiry report A Better Way to Support Veterans. The Royal Commission identified recommendations in this report for the Government to consider as part of this reform process and we are now seeking feedback on both the recommendations made by the Productivity Commission and the Royal Commission in relation to legislative reform.

“This is an important opportunity for the community to share their views on how we can improve the legislation in line with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission’s report.

“I encourage current serving and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force, family members, ex-service organisations, medical providers and others who interact with the veteran and family system to share their views.”

Those wishing to provide feedback can do so, anonymously if they wish, by 14 November 2022 at [www.dva.gov.au/pcconsultation2022](http://www.dva.gov.au/pcconsultation2022) or by emailing [PCConsultation2022@dva.gov.au](mailto:PCConsultation2022@dva.gov.au).

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