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## Media Release

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ENDORSE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MILITARY SUPERANNUATION REVIEW

Australia's leading ex-service organisations have called on the Federal Government to not endorse the recommendations of the Review of Military Superannuation.

The National Presidents of the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) and the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA), today lodged a formal response to the report of the review on behalf of 12 Ex-Service Organisations.

*"The scheme proposed by the Review Team does not appropriately recognise the unique nature of military service, nor does it adequately compensate Australian Defence Force members for the increased risks to their superannuation under the proposed scheme,"* said RSL President, Major General Bill Crews.

*"Although both the RSL and DFWA were still in discussions with the Review Team regarding additional data and analysis, at this juncture, the report's recommendations could not be supported,"* said DFWA President, David Jamison.

The RSL, DFWA and the wider ex-service community are particularly concerned that the Review:

- failed to demonstrate that future ADF members would not be worse-off under the proposed scheme.
- failed to demonstrate that future ADF members and their families would not be worse-off in the event of death and disability under the proposed scheme.
- failed to demonstrate that future ADF members would be adequately compensated for the greater risk to their superannuation entitlements inherent in the proposed scheme.
- failed to make appropriate recommendations to address the shortcomings of current schemes (particularly issues relating to indexation of pensions).

*The full response lodged by the RSL, DFWA and supporting ex-service organisations can be downloaded from [www.rsl.org.au](http://www.rsl.org.au) or [www.rdfwa.org.au](http://www.rdfwa.org.au)*

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