STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

A FAIR GO FOR VETERANS ANZAC DAY APPROACHES

We willingly and wholeheartedly support Australian veterans in their campaign for a fair go.

We urge that you read the graph attached, which clearly shows that the military superannuation provisions for our veterans have declined substantially and need adjustment.

This invitation also extends to Prime Minister, The Hon Julia Gillard, Leader of the Liberals, The Hon Tony Abbott and Leader of the Nationals, The Hon Warren Truss.

We join with the veterans of Australia to request those mentioned above demonstrate before ANZAC Day, sincere bi-partisan agreement to solemnly declare that:

“We have come together in the spirit of true and sincere bi-partisanship to announce that from 26 June 2012 all forms of military superannuation pensions (DFRB, DFRDB and MSBS, including invalidity, reversionary and preserved) will receive the same percentage increase twice yearly, as is applied to the age pension and that the DVA disability pension be fully restored.

We are pleased to address this important issue, and we pledge to pass the legislation to enable this change to indexation to be implemented.”

The above action would consider justice and equity, when looking at the obvious facts so clearly shown in the accompanying graph.

A Fair Go, so fundamental to the Australian ethos, is due for all our serving and ex-service personnel. They did their duty honourably. Let us, as a nation, now fulfill our obligation to them.

Please urge your local Member of Parliament to give this their immediate support.
Vice Admiral David Shackleton AO (Retired)
Chief of Navy, 1999-2002

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC (Retired)
Chief of Army, 2002-2008

Air Marshal Jake Newham AC (Retired)
Chief of Air Force, 1985-1987

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