

PUBLIC INTEREST CERTIFICATE

This public interest certificate is issued under section 22(1) of the Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018.

I hereby state that it is not in the public interest for the following *procurement(s)* by Department of Veterans' Affairs to be suspended while complaints under section 18 of *the Act* are being investigated or while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of *the Act* are being considered.

AusTender ID(s)	PAD Tender 2024-2028
Tender(s) Close Date and Time	
Procuring Entity	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Contact Officer	Project Manager
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Category (UNSPSC)	93131700- Health Programs
Description	<p>The Department of Veterans' Affairs (PAD Program) supports eligible veterans with a diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), through the provision of the Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program which aims to help veterans with PTSD meet their clinical recovery goals. This includes detecting signs of distress and performing tasks to help alleviate the symptoms of PTSD.</p> <p>This RFT seeks to establish a new panel of psychiatric assistance dog providers who are able to offer high quality and cost effective services to eligible veterans residing throughout Australia.</p>

Signature of *accountable authority/delegate*:



Andrew Kefford PSM
Deputy Secretary
Policy and Programs
Group

6 October 2023

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