

In regards to recommendations regarding reforms to legislation to simplify claims as recommended by the royal commission.

All claims should be fast and effective, as such every soldier and veteran should be provided a free medical assessment. This should be paid for by a public service voucher or a veteran Medicare levy or via additional government spending, as such any medical claim should automatically be considered linked to service. Additionally, all future claims should be considered under MERCA or COMSUPER. Any future payments given to a soldier should not be lumpsum but rather added to COMSUPER, of which veterans could access these funds via a credit or debit card to cover the cost of housing food and healthcare.

Regarding short term solutions to address the backlog for benefits claims and long wait times, the following can be done by

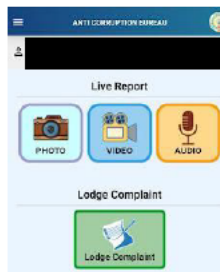
1 Creation of a new public service voucher covering housing food and healthcare costs this public service vouch would be in linked to a member credit card allowing a hex loan to help cover theses cost, If a veteran continues to remain in financial distress COMSUPER could help pay of this hex debt.

2 Alternately DVA and Defence have a large and non-technocratic, bureaucratic and often inefficient/unaccountable members as discovered by the Royal commission. As such DVA the RSL and part of Defence could be defunded or disbanded, thereby allowing this funding to be redeployed to veterans to pay off any current applicant's hex loan. Or otherwise, this money could be provided directly to all veterans as a form of reparations for damages in service, for the government failure to provide quick or effective support.

3 The final option for the Government would be for the Government to spend more on additional funding for research and support veterans in lieu of bureaucrats. The Government could chose instead chose to give every member a gold card and cover medical expresses thereby eliminating the backlog and eliminating a need for DVA to exist

Finally

- Any legislation must have effective accountability mechanisms to address any misconduct in defence as I have previously outlined to the commission.



- Additional democratic advocacy is also needed in legislation. Such as proposals that similar to those that the naval clearance diver associations use when they attempted to enact reform. With every complaint being clustered and provided an advocate. Furthermore, if a study is contested by DVA or Defence a repeatability study can be conducted.

- These studies must be at a minimum trialed across any enterprise, to achieve this legislation could enshrine such a requirement, additionally a new GAO (government accountability office) could be created to sit above the NACC and enforce compliance and scientific literacy across government. Such an organisation must have the power to investigate, call witness's, access records, trial policy via temporary regulation, taxation and any other powers a future GAO may need.
- Any legislation MUST protect and strengthen privacy rights not become an excuse for defence to try and access medical records.