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I would like to provide comment on the proposed changes, with particular reference to the aspect of 'presumptive liability'.

I would like to suggest that this could be expanded to the established circumstances that an individual has been exposed to, rather than just associated with their type of employment.

In my own personal circumstances [REDACTED] I was exposed to a significant event during service involving the death of colleagues. This had a large impact on my life. However, because I don't meet the disability criteria for certain conditions, as far as the MRCA is concerned - it never happened. Because someone has successfully battled through circumstances at the time, doesn't mean there hasn't been a significant impact on them. It seems the current situation can result in a "you're not sick enough" outcome despite undoubtedly significant impacts from service.

Ironically, the presumptive entitlements I have due to Operational Service in East Timor far exceed anything else from my non-operational service. However, the actual impact on my life from events during non-operational service far exceed those from my operational service in East Timor.

I believe there could be opportunities for refinement of presumptive liability in this regard.

I do not wish for my name or details to be published by DVA.

Thank you for your consideration.

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