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Hi People. I read the piece in the Saturdays paper requesting people to have some input. I am retired from the RAAF with some injuries sustained during my service career, I found it extremely difficult to get an injury pension out of DVA as the people in there seem to think that they are MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS and know more than the DOCTORS, my doctor lost his cool and demanded that the PUBLIC SERVANT produce her MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS who sent me the letter saying that his diagnosis was wrong,, it went on and on with the advocate at the RSL just about ready to tear his hair out.. I finally got some justice when they asked if I had any proof of my injuries and I produced the original EXRAYS from 6 RAAF HOSPITAL AT RICHMOND which changed things,, but I'm not sure where I stand with the system and I CAN UNDERSTAND why some PEOPLE SUICIDE while trying to get help from DVA... DVA should be run by RETIRED VETERANS and NOT BY PUBLIC SERVANTS, speaking for myself and many many others that RETIRE from the services WE ARE VERY POORLY TREATED BY THE SYSTEM, I know that when my wife and myself RETIRED WE GOT NO HELP TO TRANSITION INTO CIVILIAN LIFE and the DFRDB PENSION is a POVERTY LINE EXISTENCE, considering what POLITICIANS get after only two terms it's BLOODY SHAMEFUL ,, THE SYSTEM HAS TO CHANGE TO GIVE US A FARE GO. DVA's computer system is NOT DESIGNED TO BE HELPFUL for US WHO DIDN'T have computers in our service time. Regards [REDACTED]

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