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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below, RSL NSW Cardiff sub-Branch's submission for the consultation of the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024.

Recommendation 1:

- **Subject:** DRCA Incapacity Payments
- **Issue:** Grandparenting of DRCA Incapacity Payments
- **Recommendation:** Automatic transition of DRCA Incapacity Payments to MRCA Incapacity Payments, resulting in the simplification and harmonisation of incapacity payments from maintaining only one incapacity payment system.

Recommendation 2:

- **Subject:** Additional payment for persons with severe impairment
- **Issue:** Primary carer of the eligible dependent young person(s) to be the payment recipient
- **Recommendation:** Payment to the Veteran only as the payment forms part of the Veteran's compensation.

Recommendation 3:

- **Subject:** Schedule 7: Application and transition provisions
- **Issue:** How undetermined claims on the day of commencement will be handled
- **Recommendation:** To the benefit of the Veteran.

Recommendation 4:

- **Subject:** Commencement date
- **Issue:** 1st July 2026
- **Recommendation:** 1st July 2025.

RSL NSW Cardiff sub-Branch recognises the benefits of creating a simpler, easy to use system for the veteran community, and accordingly supports the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024.



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