



MEDIA STATEMENT

VETERANS POLICIES - HOW THE PARTIES COMPARE

Over the last two month the Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO) have sought, in some cases pleaded, with all political parties involved in the electoral process to release their policies relating to members of the ADF and the veterans community, including all their families.

The intent was to better inform those communities of the various party policy positions and thereafter compare the policies against ADSO’s major policy objectives.

As most parties have now announced either in whole or in part their policies relating to veterans, a status report in the form of a chart has now been prepared. It is appended herein and highlights the comparative degree to which each party intends to address the key issues of most concern to the serving and veterans’ communities.

Although ADSO welcomes the seemingly strong bi-partisan positions on mental health issues and tackling suicide and homelessness rates, the Alliance remains disappointed that the major parties remain largely silent on the following:

1. Restoring veterans’ disability payment obligations;
2. Removing the discriminatory provisions of military superannuation schemes; and
3. Enacting an Australian Military Accord formally stating the obligations of the Nation to its service personnel and their families.

To the current serving men and women of the ADF, and to the veterans’ community, including your families and friends: ADSO does not support or oppose any political party, nor advocates voting for any candidate. It supports or opposes as necessary policies likely to be detrimental to your well-being and interests. In that spirit, this report is offered to allow you to cast your vote on polling day in an informed way.

After the election ADSO will continue to regularly update the chart during the 45th Parliament as we continue to pursue on your behalf our stated objectives by engaging with all sides of politics in the newly elected Parliament, and by informing the Australian electorate about the issues our representatives must address going forward.

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VETERAN POLICY STATUS: 29 JUNE - ELECTION DAY - 3

ADSO Objective	Comment	LNP	ALP	Greens	Jacque Lambie Network (JLN)	Veterans Party (ADVP)	Australian Liberty Alliance (ALA)	Katter's Australian Party (KAP)	Nick Xenophon Team (NXT)
1	DVA Culture & Processes	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
2	Veterans Disability Payments	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
3	Military Super	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
4	Military Covenant	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
5	Homeless Veterans	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
6	Life Cycle Health	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
7	Mefloquine & Tafenoquine Toxicity	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red

	About 70% or more of ADSO objective/s adopted in announced veteran policy or written commitment given to implement or review.
	About 50 - 70% of ADSO objective/s adopted in announced veteran policy or written commitment given to implement or review.
	Less than 50% adopted and/or NO Veteran Policy announced - AS OF TODAY'S DATE

¹ The Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA), Naval Association of Australia (NAA), RAAF Association (RAAFA), Royal Australian Regiment Corporation (RAR), Australian Special Air Service Association (ASASA), Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA), the Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Service Men and Women, the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia, Partners of Veterans Association of Australia, Royal Australian Armoured Corps Corporation (RAACC), the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia (NMBVAA), Defence Reserves Association (DRA), Australian Gulf War Veterans Association, Australian Commando Association, the War Widows Guild of Australia, the Military Police Association Australia (MPAA), and the Australian Army Apprentices Association.