



ADSO ALLIANCE OF DEFENCE SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

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MEDIA STATEMENT

RETURN OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES IN ARMS - NATIONAL LEADERS MISSING IN ACTION

The Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO)¹ comprising some 90,000 members has expressed disappointment that our Political leaders missed the opportunity to further the healing of the wounds of rejection felt by many Vietnam Veterans by their non attendance at the ceremony marking the return to Australia of their comrades killed in action who had been interred at Terendak Military Cemetery and Kranji War Cemetery at the Richmond air base.

Their decision not to suspend their election campaigns even for a few hours as a mark of respect is extremely regrettable.

Our service men and women pay a high price for Australia's safety and deserve the full respect of our nation's elected representatives.

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