

Letter to Commission RE DVA

Dear Commission,

I joined the Army on 28 May 1985 and was medically discharged on 31 Jan 1996
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Having served during this period when it came to getting advice re, compensation and rehabilitation was a large challenge,(as I served across all three systems)! Even now that I had have, stop work all together due to my Mental Health problems and things that have happened whilst working. I find it hard to get information to assist my wife and children. The way, I have gained most information out is spending hours on the internet looking things up and come across them almost by accident. The other thing is I understand, there needs to be by date and times when things change. However with veteran children education scheme, I believe there should be a change when the child starts years 7 to 10, then another one for years 11 and 12. Not just the change when the children turn 16.

The other thing is and I know from talking to others is that, I hope this is not going to be administered by Centre Link as I find the people that walk there to be impersonal and incompetent. I always leave there wondering why I even went there in the first place.

I suffer from Bipolar- Effective Disorder type 1. I did have a successful career as a communication technician and supervisor after leaving the Army, however as time went on it was harder for me to operate in the supervisor capacity. As for what I have read hear friends of mine that I serviced with are earning about 4 times as much as I do receive. Which makes it hard to maintain good quality of life.

Yours Faithfully

Larry Foster