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SUBMISSION TO PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

Chairperson

Dear Sir/ Madam

30 June 2018

May I thank the commission in advance in allowing our organization to forward our inquiry.

We would ask that the commission look at the Funeral Benefits for Veterans that come under the Veterans Entitlements Act ( VEA ) in particular we would ask you to look into the actual benefit paid toward the cost of the funeral itself, there are other benefits paid to the next of kin but we are not concerned with those at this time

Our association consists of around 90% VEA members and that is the reason behind our asking that your commission can take this matter further than we can.

At this point in time the benefit towards the funeral cost is \$2000 and we see this as very inadequate and it really needs to be brought into line with the real costing , we can quote two instances last month where the cost of the funerals each cost in excess of \$9000 each and this was for cremation not burial

The bereavements payments that are paid as well as the Funeral Benefit are very welcome, in some cases even added together they do not cover the full cost of the funeral.

We are not asking that the full cost of the funeral be paid but can we get a more realistic payment towards the cost.

We as a group of Veterans thank you again for the opportunity of putting this matter to you and hope that you can do more than we can.

Owen Egg  
President

**DIFFERENT CONFLICTS – SAME SACRIFICE**

