

Veterans Compensation and Rehabilitation inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Compensation and Rehabilitation for Veterans**

I have viewed the draft report and *I do not support any of the recommended changes* to the current system (DVA) by the Australian Productivity commission.

I am a veteran myself, and current reservist member.

Amongst many, many other reasons I do not feel the Department of Defence should have any oversight or influence on veteran affairs; be that for serving or ex-serving members.

This is only my opinion however, and so I would like to suggest that the productivity commission allow all serving members and all ex-serving members to decide. To this point the government has not really made a substantive effort to educate serving and ex-serving members around the proposal.

If this is really about improving services (as is being advertised) and not about saving money, then why not *let us decide*. The vote should be mandatory for all serving members and voluntary for ex-serving members, with published and transparent results. If this were an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) issue for civil employees then a vote would be mandatory, so why not allow that in this instance...?

Thank you for your time in considering my submission.

Best Regards

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