

Suggestions for productivity commissions draft report. DVA

1. There are three acts. Covering veterans scrap these and write a new act that covers veterans. This new act should leave veterans no worse off. This act should not be subject to future political interference. This would make it a lot easier for training advocates in the future.
2. It is difficult for a claimant to access his or her records once they leave the ADF, they may not present to DVA for any number of years. A simple fix would be a digital history of both medical history and service history. That history is kept up to date while in the ADF. Cost could be partly offset by the member after completion of recruit training. Page 22 of the draft report mentions digital records.
3. Box 9 and 10 of the draft report mention transition and mental health. Well-resourced and dedicated information made clear to A.D.F. member. Mental health and psychiatric assessment carried out prior to member discharge.
4. Page 52 Review. If accurate records are kept by the Department of Defence the number of reviews would be a lot less.

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