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Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and
Other Measures) Bill 2013 [Provisions].

The Royal Australian Air Force Association has Divisions in each State and Territory, and has around 12,000 members in Branches across Australia. Our current membership spans all conflicts from WWII to Afghanistan, as well as members who accrued only peacetime service. Each Division has a pool of active advocates, pension officers and welfare officers who provide support to members. We therefore have a vital interest in all legislation that enacts the benefits and support to which our members may be entitled.

In this respect, we adjudge that our members have been very well-served. While our Association was not represented on the Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) Working Group that developed the draft arrangements with the Department of Veterans' Affairs Review Team, we have been actively involved in review of the ensuing draft legislation. Along with other Representatives from the ESO Round Table, we were provided an opportunity to participate in the finalisation of the draft Bill that is now before the Committee.

We strongly support the provisions in the Bill, and commend its expeditious return to the Senate with a recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Yours Sincerely,

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