



THE SENATE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Review of Schedule 9 of the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Act 2025

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 18 August 2025

Committee Room 2S1
Australian Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
1.00 pm	RSL Australia (submission 3) Major General (Retd) Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN KC, National President Vasey RSL Care (no submission) (via videoconference) Ms Tamara Paton, Acting Chief Executive Officer
1.45 pm	Legacy Australia (submission 4) Dr Mark Lax OAM, CSM, Vice-Chairman Families of Veterans Guild (submission 2) (via videoconference) Ms Renee Wilson, Chief Executive Officer Defence Force Welfare Association (Qld) (submission 25) (via videoconference) Mr John Lowis, President
2.30 pm	Ms Julie-Ann Finney, Private capacity (submission 9) Mr Michael Brown, Private capacity (submission 33) (via videoconference) Mr Ian Lindgren, Private capacity (submission 26)
3.15 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30 pm	Interim Defence and Veterans' Services Commission, Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet (submission 5) (via videoconference) Mr Michael Manthorpe PSM, Interim Head of the Defence and Veterans' Service Commission Ms Frances Finney PSM, Assistant Secretary Ms Natasha McNamara, Director Ms Kim Williams, Director
4.15 pm	Department of Veterans' Affairs (submission 18) (via videoconference) Mr Luke Brown, First Assistant Secretary, Policy Mr Frank White, A/g General Counsel, Legal Advice and Legislation Branch
5.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>