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Dear Ms. Beverley,

On behalf of the membership of Partners of Veterans Association of Australia I would like to thank you for the invitation to make a written submission to the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 2) Bill 2018. We are very pleased to have been asked to have our opinions considered and we offer the following observations.

Having studied the bill in depth, we are pleased to note the inclusion of the grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans in the Long Tan Bursary scheme. (Schedule 4) Thank you for this inclusion which is very meaningful to our members and demonstrates the continued recognition of the service of the Vietnam Veteran and the family.

We are disappointed (Schedule 2) that the mental health of the Partner has not also been considered as the mental well being of the Veteran is in so many ways dependent upon the strength of the Partner.

With kindest regards,

HEATHER EVANS.
PRESIDENT.