

Dear Secretary

GOVERNANCE OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION SCHEMES BILL 2010

I ask that this letter be entered into and registered for consultation by the Senate Inquiry Members

As an ex-soldier who served two terms in South Vietnam and 25 years in the Army, I wish to record my objections to the proposed amalgamation of the Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes. Our (parcially) self funded retirement scheme will be managed as though it is a gift from the people of Australia alongside the aged pension. This will not acknowledge the unique service we ex-service people provided.

I wish to endorse the submissions of the RDFWA and Mr John Pritchard in his submission of the 28 Feb 10.

As a labour party supporter and an inaugural member of the Armed Forces Federation of Australia, I strongly object to what I see as a deliberate attempt to perpetuate the diminution of benefits to the ex-service family. Having accepted a penalty of 6% on my pension rate for leaving the Army 2 years before my 42nd birthday and seeing the value of my pension erroded from \$15000 in 1989 to a paultry \$27000 in 2010, I no longer believe we can afford to accept the changes proposed.

This is a time when we need the support of Government to improve our lot not lump us under a board of unrepresentative swill.

Respectfully Yours

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