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Dear Kathleen

**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISIONS OF VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS  
AMENDMENT BILL 2011**

1. Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Veteran's Entitlement Act Amendment Bill 2011.
2. Every veteran is entitled to fair compensation for injuries sustained in the course of service to the nation or as a result of that service. The amendments as drafted clarify the sometimes confusing issue of claimants submitting duplicate claims. As amended, the emphasis is on the level of incapacity whether arising from the same or multiple incidents. The amendments in this Bill will ensure that in the future, the compensation offsetting provisions will apply in respect of the same incapacity and do not require that the incapacity results from the same injury or disease.
3. Defence supports the proposed amendments in Schedule 2 of the Veteran's Entitlement Amendment Bill 2011.

Yours sincerely

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