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Isis Sub Branch Inc

To: Mr David Batt MP
Federal Member for Hinkler

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Isis RSL Sub-Branch Board and as a private citizen, I am writing this letter to express my total dismay at this absurd amendment to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeal Tribunal Bill 2025. The ramifications in recording and honouring the history of the sacrifices of our men and women will be eroded by this Bill amendment.

This is a blatant attempt to dismiss the actions of individuals who deserve full recognition for deeds of extraordinary actions which have previously gone unrecognised because they have died. This action to deny an individual to be posthumously recognised should have NO time limits placed upon when they performed their act of heroism.

This is an act of hypocrisy to say *"well done mate; oh but not you because, what you did was 20 years ago so; you're not on our list of recipients!"*

How dare an INDEPENDENT Body attempt to overturn standing Government Legislation that strikes at the heart of why this legislation was instigated. It makes no sense to amend the registration without justification. In this world of conflicts, low ADF recruitment, aging military ships and equipment this independent body seeks to demoralise our national pride and say to our troops "if you are going to do something heroic, do it now because you won't be recognised after 20 years and you're dead".

The Ode will have to be rewritten to read:-

At the going down of the sun (after 20 years)

*And in the morning we Won't remember them
because they didn't qualify*

As a retired Army Warrant Officer Class II of 26 and half years of full-time service and carried out both Active War and Peacekeeping overseas service in that time, I declare I do not support this amendment and happy that my name can be used as part of this submission.

Thank you, David, for alerting us to this matter and please forward this letter to the appropriate Govt body. Always with respect, kind regards

Terry East
President
Isis RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

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