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**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**  
**Defence Sub Committee**

**MEDIA ALERT**

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*Chair: Senator Mark Furner*  
*Deputy: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

# **Inquiry into care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations**

***Public Hearing on Tuesday 12 March***

Defence Families of Australia and the Returned and Services League will discuss the best ways to support Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations at a public hearing of the parliamentary inquiry into their care.

Defence Sub-Committee chair Senator Mark Furner said the committee has gained a great insight into the long term pressures associated with recovering from wounds and injuries received on operations, both for soldiers and their families.

“Organisations like Defence Families of Australia and the Returned and Services League provide an important capability supporting not just the wounded ADF member, but their family as well,” Senator Furner said. “The road to recovery can be long and arduous and these bodies have a traditional role in filling the gaps in the care of veterans and veteran’s families, now and into the future. We look forward to their contribution to the inquiry.”

## **Program**

Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra  
1740 – 1805 Defence Families of Australia  
1805 – 1830 Returned and Services League of Australia

The public hearing will be audio webcast live  
on: [http://www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)  
Terms of reference for the inquiry and submissions can be found  
at: [www.aph.gov.au/jfadt](http://www.aph.gov.au/jfadt)

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