

Subject: AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE DFWA

PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL ONTO AS MANY IN THE ADF / ESO / VETERAN COMMUNITY AS YOU WISH

Dear Colleagues

You will be aware of the efforts that the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA) has been undertaking on your behalf regarding the unfair Indexation of Military Superannuation Pensions and our campaign to protect the purchasing power of them.

More recently, we have expressed some concern regarding prior associations between Senator Sherry (who commissioned the Matthews Report into ADF / APS Superannuation Indexation in June 2008) and Mr Trevor Matthews (who lead the Review) and also Mr David Harris (who played a prominent role in it). We have written to the Prime Minister asking him to release all documentation relating to the decision to engage Mr Matthews and Mr Harris (including those related to the financial arrangements) and for the Prime Minister to clarify the nature and extent of the reported associations between Senator Sherry and Mr Matthews and his review team members. Parliament is responsible to set ADF service conditions and it is important that all serving and former members have confidence that this responsibility is taken seriously by all MPs and not feel let down by the Government.

Your support remains fundamental to achieving ultimate success of our campaign. If you are able, we encourage you to make your views known to your federal MP and/or senator, the PM and other Ministers and Opposition Spokespeople (some email contact details are provided below). You could also consider approaching media outlets as well to give them your views (some email contact details are also provided below). Please also refer the issue to any of your acquaintances who have an interest in ADF Superannuation.

IMPORTANTLY ... DFWA believes this campaign would get more consideration by our political representatives if those among us, who are sometimes emotional and at times even abusive over the lack of support by the Government, use more measured words. We do understand the frustration and we have no quarrel with forceful language but please avoid personal attacks because these can spoil the very well developed arguments that are now being put by other individuals and organisations, including the DFWA.

A simple consistent message without distractions is what is needed the

simple message that what we seek is to “protect the purchasing power of military superannuation pensions” is the key theme. Remember also that “all we want is a fair go” is a great slogan encapsulating our campaign for justice and equity.

We must ensure this is an election issue so continued pressure, in a constructive but firm tone by email, phone, written correspondence or even personal representation to your local members and others, is important.

We have a wealth of information on our website to help you. Some email addresses are also provided at the end of this email.

Yours sincerely

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