



THE SENATE

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019  
[Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Monday 18 March 2019**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
10.15 am	<b>Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 7</i> ) Mr Ken Foster OAM JP, National President (via teleconference)
10.50 am	<b>Defence Force Welfare Association</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> ) Mr Kel Ryan, National President DFWA and National Spokesman, Alliance of Defence Service Organisations Brigadier Kerry Mellor (Rtd), Deputy National President
11.25 am	<b>Air Force Association Ltd</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> ) GPCAPT Carl Schiller OAM CSM (Rtd), National President (via teleconference)
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
12.50 pm	<b>Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Inc.</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> ) Ms Heather Evans, National President (via teleconference)
1.25 pm	<b>Defence Families of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 9</i> ) Mrs Maree Sirois, National Convenor
2.00 pm	<b>The Australian Federation of Totally &amp; Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen &amp; Women</b> Ms Pat McCabe OAM, National President Mr Bert Hoebee, Private capacity
2.30 pm	<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Ms Liz Cosson AM CSC, Secretary Mr Charles McHardie AM, Deputy Secretary
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>