



THE SENATE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Defence honours and awards system

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 7 February 2025

Committee Room 2R1
Australian Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Mr Dan Fortune DSC and Bar Mr Andrew White Mr Jonathon Beesley Mr Matthew Brennan
10.00 am	<i>via videoconference:</i> Mr Scott Seccombe
10.30 am	Families of Veterans Guild (Submission 3) Ms Renee Wilson, Chief Executive Officer
11.00 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.15 am	<i>via videoconference:</i> Dr Paul Taucher (Submission 2)
11.45 am	Australian Special Forces Alliance (Submission 5) Mr Martin Louis Blandy, Full Member Mr Andrew MacNaughton, Director and Welfare Officer
12.15 pm	RSL Australia (Submission 7) Major General (retd) Greg Melick, National President RSL New South Wales (Submission 6) Mr David McCann, Director
12.45 pm	Australian Special Air Service Association (Submission 11) Mr Rick Moor, Outgoing National Vice Chairman Brig Christopher Roberts, Member
1.15 pm	<i>Lunch</i>

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2.00 pm	<p>Department of Defence (<i>Submission 8</i>) Rear Admiral Richard Boulton, Deputy Chief of Personnel Ms Petrina Cole, Assistant Secretary Work Health and Safety</p> <p>Australian War Memorial (<i>Submission 9</i>) Mr Matt Anderson PSM, Director/Agency Head Mr Brian Dawson, Assistant Director - National Collection Branch Mr Nick Fletcher, Head - Military Heraldry and Technology</p>
3.00 pm	<p>Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (<i>Submission 1</i>) Mr Stephen Skehill, Chair Mr Jay Kopplemann, Executive Officer</p>
4.30 pm	<p>Adjournment</p>