

28 February 2010

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
PO Box 6100, Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to include military superannuation in a basket of Government superannuation schemes administered by a board with token military representation. This proposal is further evidence of Government denial of the special nature of military service evidenced already by the contemptible indexation of pensions by the consumer price index.

How can military superannuants expect anything but further disparagement of military service at the hands of a board where union representation outnumbers the military three to two? What possible relevance is there in union representatives considering military superannuation matters?

I am a retired air commodore living on a Commonwealth pension supplement of my DFRDB pension. About the only comfort to be drawn is that there is some focus on the inequities of this scheme by the informed hierarchy administering it. This would be totally lost in a scheme run for unionists.

I seriously wonder whether the sacrifices of my military service were worth it, given the discomfort of my retirement. I urge the Committee to reject this latest attempt to belittle the contribution of Defence personnel to the security of our nation.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis A Robertson