

My attention has been drawn to a proposal to make changes to the Military Superannuation Scheme.

My 21 years of military service in the RAAF and consequent civilian employment has shown me the wide differences and responsibilities of both lifestyles. I therefore consider any merger of civil and military superannuation schemes to be out of the question.

Boards of administration which comprise a majority of non-military members is unacceptable because these civilian members have not experienced the disciplines and expectations of military life. Therefore they do not appreciate the unique and arduous military lifestyle which is expected, and to also be carried out without question.

The erosion of benefits and entitlements to past and present service pensions do not engender confidence in Government.

Remembering back to 1986-1989 when the Keating Government elected to reduce the CPI increase entitlement of military superannuation by almost 2% . The effect of which has never been recouped over the following years.

In summary I wish to lodge my objection to merge military superannuation schemes with civilian schemes and I **strongly oppose** the acceptance of this proposed Bill.

Respectfully yours,

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