

Dear Sir

How can you trust Trade Union to be involved in Defence Super, they have no idea about the particular concerns and issues involving defence personnel. I am a Vietnam Veteran and I can still remember the days in Vietnam where unions would not allow resupply of mail or drinks to come to the troops, we could not unload our APC or Tanks from the Ships in Melbourne. The unions would not let us, and threatened to go on strike – how un-Australian is that? The unions sent wharf workers to Puckapunyal so the military could teach them how to drive the defence machinery!

Who is really running this country? It should be the elected government (like them or not) and definitely NOT the unions! Talk about the tail wagging the dog!

We veterans should be able to trust in the government – after all who is it that follows the policies of the government by engaging in conflicts and peace actions?

It appears this is another broken election promise. We appears we cannot trust our Prime minister Mr Kevin Rudd regarding the promised changes to defence superannuation. He appears to be more interested in the unions and their welfare than the interests and welfare of the men and women who got off their tails and put their lives on the line for our country! It is high time the government of our country put unions in their place – to ensure the health, safety and welfare of workers – and leave the military to military leadership

Defence personnel deserve their own superannuation – and it should look more like the benefits offered to our politicians! It is totally inappropriate to have a union majority on any combined board – so sort it out and have a general superannuation for workers and one solely for defence. And what about other organisations such as police and fire services – they have their own superannuation managed by their own industry – surely the same rights apply to defence personnel?

Why is defence superannuation indexed to the CPI when the super of Kevin Rudd and the other politicians is not? I thought we were interested in equity – not a very good example here!

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