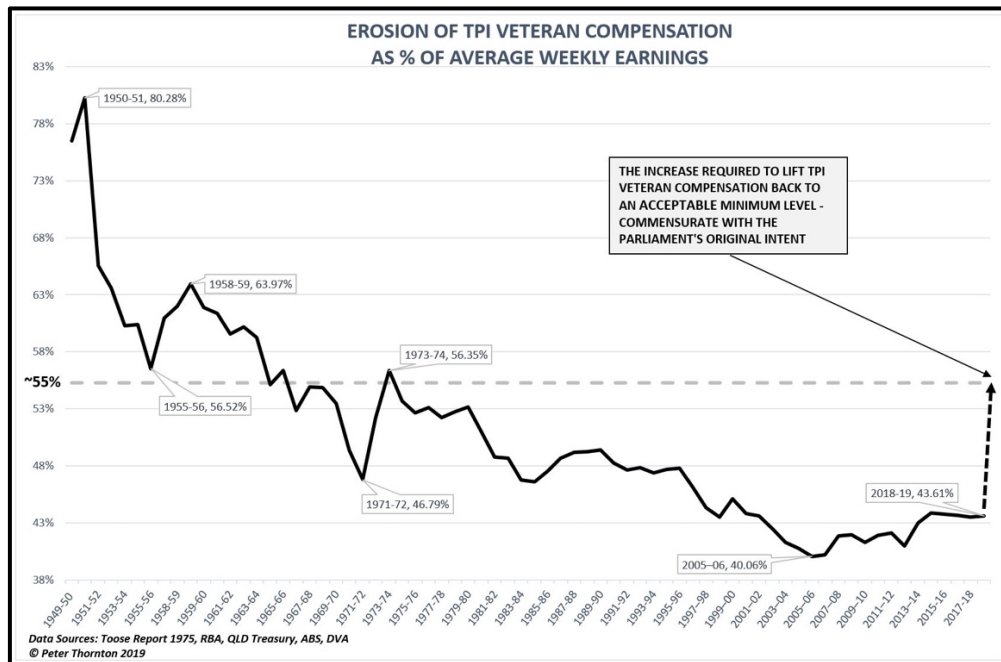


THE TPI SPECIAL RATE DISABILITY PAYMENT A 'compelling case'

The Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (Special Rate) [TPI-SR] disability payment is provided for under the *Veterans Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA). (With flow on to the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA)).

This graph shows the declined value of TPI-SR payments for seriously incapacitated Veterans:



The solution Thornton proposes to address this matter is to '*Structurally adjust the Total TPI Compensation Payment by a factor that benchmarks the notional 'economic loss component' to the tax-adjusted National Minimum Wage*'.¹

The TPI Federation submission² stated that this could be achieved by a simple and appropriate amendment to the VEA s.24 (4). This subsection currently reads as below. An amendment to the **bold \$\$** figure is all that would be required.

*(4) Subject to subsections (5), (5A) and (6), the rate at which pension is payable to a veteran to whom this section applies is **\$919.40** per fortnight*

That would fix the compelling case, restore integrity and be consistent with the Parliament's intent for this payment.

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¹ Thornton Submission to SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE TPI / SRDP COMPENSATION PAYMENT, Sub 16

² The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen & Women Ltd, Sub 09