The time frame allowed for comment on this was too short. It is impossible to prepare an adequate statement in the time allowed. Suffice to say that the feeling in the ex service community is that this proposed changes will further discriminate against those who have served their country in a way that no others do. The balance of the proposed management panel guarantees that we as exservice personnel will never be given the justice that is due.

You only need to look at the comments in the message board on ABC Q&A website to gauge the level of dissatisfaction with current arrangements for ex service retirement funds.

This bill needs serious amendment and much further consideration along the lines put forward by the DFWA.

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