

Honourable Members,

I am concerned that the proposed changes to the Defence Superannuation schemes, to combine them with Public Service schemes, will fail to address the specific issues of the Defence and ex service community.

Some weeks ago on the Q&A program on ABC TV, the Minister for Finance was asked a question relating to the erosion of Ex Service pensions, due to them being indexed against the CPI, when other pensions such as the Politicians Pensions, which are indexed to the Backbenchers salary, and the old age pension has been changed to from the CPI to be indexed against Average minimum weekly wage, he responded to the effect that "the ex service people can "cop it sweet" as that were the conditions they signed up for."

Now, less than two weeks later I am informed that he plans to amalgamate our pensions with a group of other citizens and "cop it sweet"

I dont remember him sitting beside me in the car beside me when a pistol was stuck through my car window and a foriegn Army Officer threatened to kill me because I had interrupted his groups attempt to overthrow their PM.

This is the sort of thing that servicemen do every day, and they should not be treated the same as some clerk.

Regards,

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