



Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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Reference: The Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010.

I am writing to object to the proposed changes being implemented next year by the Government to bring military superannuation under the same umbrella as other commonwealth employees, via the proposed *Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010*.

To combine all retirement and superannuation schemes into the one basket would mean unfair representation of past, present and future defence members due to the proposed composition of the Board of Directors, in that there will be three ACTU Directors, only two Defence Directors and five Directors appointed by the Minister for Finance.

I wish to lodge my strong objection to merge all military superannuation schemes with other superannuation schemes. I also strongly object to the. In my humble view this could, yet, be another step in the diminution of the traditionally accepted "uniqueness of military service" Despite all guarantees and undertakings, history is replete with examples where Governments, for whatever reasons, change such arrangements for financial reasons. I am very concerned that, one day, military superannuates will be treated exactly the same as Commonwealth Public Servants.

Military superannuation schemes should, nay must, remain separate from all other schemes, and be controlled by a separate governing body (Board of Directors).

Respectfully Yours,

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