

From: Phillip

Sent: Tuesday, 18 May 2021 2:15 PM

To: FADT, Committee (SEN) <FADT.SEN@aph.gov.au>

Subject: Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI)- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits

This is typical, if there is a chance for people who have suffered from DFRB's then you only hear when to late. Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) veteran pension and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) military superannuation scheme, my name is Phillip Boobyer, DFRB should be up on criminal charges for theft, as a 1972 National Servicemen on April 1973 the army had me assessed fit, my actual medical condition was and has always been Totally and Permanently Incapacitated. I came under DFRB's (CSC) 1973 legislation, though forced into the army my superannuation remained with my civilian employer (CSC) meaning any military injury I suffer became my civilian employer's superannuation responsibility, a totally illogical scenario, meaning any benefit I became entitled too due to injury had to come from my civilian employer superannuation fund. A scenario DFRB knew full well was impossible for any injured 21 year old National Servicemen to know or could anticipate or have any means to acquire this information, without being told by DFRB. In effect DFRB stole my and every injured Nasho's money. I would have gone to my grave without ever finding out I had been duked out a benefit except for sheer luck, since 1967 I paid for and was entitled too a benefit from my superannuation in 1973 and due to further regulations by departments there is nothing I can do about this. This scenario had another benefit for departments, this legislation meant I could be near death in April 1973 and could only ever be awarded a medical classification of "C" classification "fit", other departments took advantage to insinuate my injury had been thoroughly medially reviewed and assessed as fit in 1973, disallowing any recent claim. On April 1973 due to the severity of my injury I was a National Servicemen still in the army when National Service ceased on 7th December 1972, the army wanted me out irrespective of my medical condition on the 15th March 1973 requiring two operations to be able to walk I was assessed unfit for the army and fit to resume my civilian job when in fact I was Totally and Permanently Incapacitated. The army then withheld the information about these two operations from the appropriate civilian departments meaning they would not provide any medical treatment from discharge to 2004, civilian surgeons would not operate until 2018, G.P.'s would not give adequate pain relieving medication. Leaving me unable to function as a human being due to the horrific symptoms of untreated post traumatic arthritis, but still forced to support my family, from October 1973 I remained Totally and Permanently Incapacitated unable to maintain employment solely due to my untreated April 1972 military injuries conditions. On May 1973 I wrote and requested a pension/medical treatment from DFRB, DFRB replied by sending me rule 36 from the appropriate legislation to deny me this, never mentioning my civilian employers superannuation benefit, 9th October 1973 I recommenced my long walk to the train to returned to my civilian employment becoming crippled by unknown untreated post traumatic arthritis I got dressed into my overalls unable to walk, I told my civilian employer I could not walk due to my military injury what options do I have, I was told to quit. I wrote to DFRB explained I had just quit my job solely due to my military injury and DFRB once again replied with the appropriate legislation rule 36 adding any appeal was not open to me, once more omitting my civilian employers superannuation benefit I had paid for and was entitled too. I continued to lose jobs to my military injury, in 2006 I again contacted DFRB and again DFRB replied with the appropriate legislation rule 36 and once again failed to inform me about my civilian employers superannuation benefit. On 2004 I had been put off work, in 2019,

45 years later DFRB cheerfully informed me my 1973 civilian employers superannuation fund should have paid me a benefit in 1973, seek retrospective payment, I have little to no chance of getting due to being unable to get medical treatment. More important DFRB denied me the chance of getting the 1972 medical treatment by withholding the superannuation benefit leaving me to exist suffering the horrific symptoms of untreated post traumatic arthritis by denying me this benefit. Phillip Boobyer