

I wish to lodge my objection to merge all military superannuation schemes with other superannuation schemes. I also strongly object 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. In my view this could 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.

Australian servicemen and women who put their lives on the line for their country deserve to be looked after by the government and the people they serve. We ask for no more than to be treated equally and with respect and that due recognition be given to the unique requirements of their profession.

Military superannuation schemes must remain separate from all other schemes, and be controlled by a separate governing body.

Respectfully yours,

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