

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 undermine the unique status of those who enlist in the Services and in effect sign away their basic rights to the Nation.

The unique requirements of military service bring greater risk of personal injury to Service personnel that impacts on their entire life and their family who suffer hardships alongside their partners related war services and the rigors of military life. It is the Government's responsibility to ensure that our country employs and properly trains the right people to do what is asked of them (including the ultimate sacrifice) and then it is also the responsibility of governments to ensure these men and women are treated fairly both during their engagement and well after the call to duty has been done.

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 humble view this could, yet, be another step in the diminution of the traditionally accepted 'special nature of military service'.

In summary I wish to lodge my objection to merge all military superannuation schemes with other superannuation schemes

Yours Sincerely

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