Keeping the Spirit Alive.

The first responsibility of Government is the security of the nation and it follows therefore that government has a particular responsibility towards those who have worn the nation's uniform. Because there in my view no higher calling than to wear the uniform of Australia. Kevin Rudd 8th Sept 2008

Fine words from our Prime Minister" that he sprukes to our young men and women before sending them off to fight our countries wars then after wards leaves them high and dry like shags on a rock.

The long abuse and neglect towards our ex servicemen and women who for years have campaigned to seek a just and honorable solution to the false promises that governments make is given another kick in the guts by the latest joint media release to this new proposed reform.

To merge the military superannuation schemes into one new 10 person authority consisting of three trade union representatives and two defense representatives plus the remaining five chosen by the Finance Minister really stinks as being labor chosen personnel we all know what this will lead to as any proposals to better our military compensation schemes would easily be vetoed by these labor friendly union representatives (we all know how trade unionist conducted support to Australia's enemies during the Vietnam era) and now they expect us to place our trust in this new board.

Our military personnel will be no better off then we were 38 years ago when the Labour government under Gough Whitlam came to power and immediately taxed our DFRB pensions.

Personally I would be very wary of the new reform proposal especially since the sneaky tactics we are given until Friday 11 th March to voice our objections in writing. Any serving or ex veterans and their families need to take this new so called reform and toss in into the ballot box with their vote come next Election Day.

On ending this I would suggest that our taxpayers \$25 million allocated to the Taliban be withheld and diverted towards the widows and children of our troops killed in fighting these insurgents.

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