

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

Dear Secretary

As a retired member of the defence force, having served 24 years, it is with some considerable concern that I read of the proposed amalgamation of the Defence Force Superannuation scheme with that of the general population of Australia under, in the main, of the ACTU.

I believe that this can only be detrimental to the defence force members and retired defence force members, all of whom are making or have made considerable sacrifice in outlaying a good percentage of salary to ensure retirement prosperity and stability. This has always been backed by concerning, discerning Australian Government.

A previous Government saw fit to adjust Defence Super downward by 2%, which has not yet been readjusted in favour of Defence Super Recipients. With this in mind and with the proposed changes now before the senate what guarantee do we, who served our country faithfully and those still serving faithfully, have that our superannuation will not be adversely affected again?

I worry when our rights and privileges as hard working and conscientious Australians continue to be eroded and therefore request that a sense of moral dignity prevail in this case and the matter of proposed amalgamation be dropped altogether.

Thank you in anticipation.

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