Subject: SENATE INQUIRY INTO SUPERANNUATION REFORM Proposed Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010

Dear Inquiry Members,

I would urge that you consider carefully during your deliberations:

The Public Service does not have to endue the stress, danger and exigencies of those in the Military. Consideration of superannuation must therefore be treated differently. Placing military and public service entitlements in the same scheme will diminish against recognition and acceptance of the differences.

If the one scheme is established, there has to be a balance between key stakeholders in it; there must be at least equal numbers of military representatives and public service union nominees, and at least one military retiree must be included.

There must also be no disadvantage clauses included in the Act.

Those current and retired members of the military would expect that if the above cannot be achieved, the Military Superannuation Governing Body must remain separate from that of the Public Service.

Sincerely,

MAJ Tony Wass (Retd)