

DRCA Bill: Ex-Service Organisation Round Table (ESORT) Consultation

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDANCE (If applicable)
24 March 2015	Briefing of ESORT members prior to introduction of the Improving the Comcare Scheme Bill.	
25 March 2015	Minister Ronaldson releases the Media Release : Veterans and ADF members exempt from changes to Workers' Compensation Legislation.	
26 March 2015	Secretary emails ESORT members and attaches an Information Sheet on the proposed amendments to the SRCA.	
8 April 2015	Vetaffairs Vol 31 Autumn 2015 is published. Included is the article "Veterans exempt from changes to workers' compensation legislation" including of the creation of a new act.	
12 May 2015	ESORT Budget Briefing.	<p>Mr Allan Thomas, Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association</p> <p>Mr Russell Pettis, Naval Association of Australia</p> <p>COL David Jamison, Defence Force Welfare Association</p> <p>Mr David Gray, Legacy</p> <p>Mr Narelle Bromhead, Partners of Veterans Association of Australia</p> <p>Mr Ken Doolan, RSL Australia</p> <p>Mr Michael von Berg, Royal Australian Regiment Corporation</p> <p>Ms Tony Mogridge, TPI Federation of Australia</p> <p>Mr Ken Foster, Vietnam Veterans Association</p> <p>Mr James Wain, Vietnam Veterans' Federation</p> <p>Meg Green, War Widows' Guild</p>
29 May 2015	Minister Ronaldson writes to ESORT members outlining the Budget Measures and includes a paragraph	

	concerning the excision of Part XI from the SRCA into a standalone Act.	
27 August 2015	Department advised that the Bill for the standalone Act was expected to be tabled during the 2015 Spring sittings for passage during the Autumn 2016 sittings.	
30 November 2015	The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2015 was originally scheduled for introduction during the week commencing 30 November 2015. Delayed to 2016 Autumn sittings.	
17 April 2016	Parliament prorogued.	
24 October 2016	Email from DVA to ESORT members in response claims of changes to existing entitlements or access to benefits under the DRCA.	
9 November 2016	DRCA introduced to Parliament	<p>Mr Bob Connor, Legacy</p> <p>GPCPT Richard Kelloway, RAAF Association</p> <p>Mr Ken Foster, Vietnam Veterans Association</p> <p>Mr Noel McLaughlin, Defence Force Welfare Association</p> <p>Mr Sam Jackman, RSL National</p>
10 November 2016	ESORT meeting. Introduction of the DRCA discussed.	<p>Mr Allan Thomas, Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association</p> <p>Ms Robyn Ritchie, Defence Families Australia</p> <p>Mr Russell Pettis, Naval Association of Australia</p> <p>Mr Peter Fitzpatrick, Australian Special Air Service Association</p> <p>COL David Jamison, Defence Force Welfare Association</p> <p>Mr Tony Ralph, Legacy</p> <p>Mr Narelle Bromhead, Partners of Veterans Association of Australia</p>

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24 November 2016	DRCA Bill discussed at the ESORT Working Group	<p>Mr Bob Connor, Legacy</p> <p>GPCPT Richard Kelloway, RAAF Association</p> <p>Mr Ken Foster, Vietnam Veterans Association</p> <p>Mr Noel McLaughlin, Defence Force Welfare Association</p> <p>Mr Michael von Berg, Royal Australian Regiment Corporation</p> <p>Ms Meg Green, War Widows' Guild</p> <p>Ms Pat McCabe, TPI Federation of Australia</p> <p>Mr James Wain, Vietnam Veterans' Federation</p>
2 December 2016	DRCA Bill discussed at the ESORT working group specifically convened to discuss the Digital Readiness Bill.	<p>Mr Allan Thomas, Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association</p> <p>Mr Tony Ralph, Legacy</p> <p>Mr Robert Dick, RSL Australia</p> <p>AVM Brent Espeland, Royal Australian Air Force Association</p>

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16 February 2017	Meeting of the RSL National Veterans Affairs Committee. The meeting was briefed on both the DRCA and the Digital Readiness Bill.	
3 March 2017	ESORT meeting. DRCA Bill discussed.	<p>Mr Allan Thomas, Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association</p> <p>Mr Peter Fitzpatrick, Australian Special Air Service Association</p> <p>COL David Jamison, Defence Force Welfare Association</p> <p>Mr Tony Ralph, Legacy</p> <p>Mr Terry Makings, Naval Association of Australia</p> <p>Mr Narelle Bromhead, Partners of Veterans Association of Australia</p> <p>Mr Robert Dick, RSL Australia</p> <p>AVM Brent Espeland, Royal Australian Air Force Association</p> <p>Mr Michael von Berg, Royal Australian Regiment Corporation</p> <p>Ms Pat McCabe, TPI Federation of Australia</p> <p>Mr Ken Foster, Vietnam Veterans Association</p> <p>Mr James Wain, Vietnam Veterans' Federation</p> <p>Meg Green, War Widows' Guild</p>