

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE**

**REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**INQUIRY INTO RECRUITMENT & RETENTION  
OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

**SUBMISSION**

**Submission No:** 19

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**The Secretary,**  
**Senate Foreign Affairs,**  
**Defence and Trade Reference Committee,**  
**Parliament House,**  
**CANBERRA. ACT 2620**

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**Dear Person,**

**Re:- April 5<sup>th</sup> Senate inquiry into Recruitment  
And Retention of Defence Personnel.**

**The South Mandurah Sub Branch of the R.S.L. have asked me  
to forward to you a copy of a motion recently passed. We are  
extremely concerned about the present method of recruiting  
for the armed services.**

**I am happy to give evidence or discuss this matter further. A  
copy of the motion is attached.**

**We are particularly concerned that the schools should have  
Commonwealth financial assistance and the training not be  
done by academics but by military people with field experience  
to encourage our youth with ability to move onto a military  
career on the completion of their schooling.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**R.C.RUSSELL.**

**SOUTH MANDURAH RSL SUB BRANCH****5 REDFERN PLACE 6210****PRES. 9586 3375 . SEC. 9586 9400****MEET @ PORT BOUVARD RECREATION & SPORTING CLUB-- LAST MONDAY IN MONTH****MOTION TO R.S.L. CONGRESS  
TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE.**

***We are gravely concerned about the recruiting of Armed Services in Australia. Both the cost and method.***

***We consider this expenditure should be directed to greatly increasing the school cadet corps.***

***The training should be done by Military people with Field experience (not academics).***

***This would result in better training for large numbers of our youth both male and female.***

***Thereby selecting young people with attitude ability and desire to make a highly efficient defence force.***

***We request the Minister give serious consideration to implementing this motion without delay.***

***Moved Bob Russell  
Seconded Merv. Cook.***

***SOUTH MANDURAH R.S.L.***

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