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**Budget Submission**

This submission is an outcome of the League's deliberations at the 2011 National Congress held in Melbourne in September 2011. The following is the Priority Items submitted to Government. The full submission is available on the NSW Branch website: [www.rslnsw.org.au](http://www.rslnsw.org.au).

**1. Indexation**

That the indexation of all components of Military Superannuation under the DFRDB and MSBS schemes be calculated by an indexation regime matching cost of living increases.

**2. Permanent Impairment Claims that cross Multiple Acts.**

That the Government accepts the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Australian Defence Organisation and Mr Peter Sutherland's recommendation in Chapter 22 of the Review of Military Compensation Arrangements and implements the alternative method for calculating permanent impairment claims that are transitional in nature. In addition, all pre-existing cases where the claimant would be better off are not prevented from seeking a reassessment.

**3. Mental Health Disorders and Rehabilitation**

That the Government develop a national mental health rehabilitation scheme for veterans suffering with chronic mental health problems based on individual case assessment and management programs.

**4. Residential Care-Younger Veterans**

That the Government develop a system to ensure access to appropriate accommodation for disabled Veterans who require 24 hour supported living but are too young to qualify for aged care services.

**5. Veterans' Aged Care**

That the Government remove the barriers to Veterans and war widows accessing higher levels of community aged care and thereby enabling them to make informed and appropriate choices regarding their ability to continue to live in the community. For Nursing Home accommodation, ensure that the Special Needs status of Veterans is recognised consistently across all States in the annual advertising and allocation of new aged care places and packages.

**6. Home Respite Care**

That the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) adequately resource the provision of the yearly allocation of 8 days of in home respite care under the Veterans' Home Care Program (VHC).

**7. Veterans' Disability Pensions Rates**

That all rates for Veterans' Disability Pensions be adjusted by the same increment that was granted at the time for the Single Rate of Service Pension in the 2009 Budget which was by 2.7% increase of MTAW (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings).

**8. British Commonwealth Occupation Force 1945-1952**

Declare that service with BCOF from 21 February 1946 to 30 June 1947 be covered by full repatriation benefits, as provided for in the approved Cabinet Agendum 1241C of 26 May 1947.

**REPATRIATION MEDICAL**  
**AUTHORITY**

The following new or updated Statements of Principles (SOP's) have recently been issued by the RMA:

- Sprain and Strain (94/2011 & 95/2011)
- Malignant neoplasm of the bladder (96/2011 & 97/2011)
- Malignant Neoplasm of the Renal Pelvis and Ureter (98/2011 & 99/2011)
- Multiple Sclerosis (100/2011 & 101/2011)
- Renal Artery Atherosclerotic Disease (102/2011 & 103/2011)

- Chronic Pancreatitis (104/2011 & 105/2011)
- Malignant Neoplasm of Bone and Articular Cartilage (106/2011 & 107/2011)
- Photocontact Dermatitis (108/2011 & 109/2011)
- Irritant Contact Dermatitis (110/2011 & 111/2011)
- Allergic Contact Dermatitis (112/2011 & 113/2011)
- Patellar Tendinopathy (114/2011 & 115/2011)
- Spinal Adhesive Arachnoiditis (116/2011 & 117/2011)
- Anosmia (118/2011 & 119/2011)

**It is in your best interest that if a Disability Pension has been refused based on Factors from a superseded SOP that a new application be investigated. Please make contact with your Sub-Branch's Pension Officer for the latest information.**