



TAYLOR: COALITION WILL DO THE RIGHT THING BY MILITARY SUPERANNUANTS

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume said today that as Anzac day comes around again this year it is as important as ever to remember those who have served and who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. He said the coalition's commitment to recognising service was evident in its commitments to military superannuants.

Mr Taylor said:

"In recent months I have been in contact with many former members of the military in Hume, where we have a disproportionately large number of military superannuants. I recognise the commitment these people have made to our country, and the importance of keeping our commitments to them.

"The coalition has demonstrated its commitment to deliver equity for all military superannuants, by announcing that it will commit to fair, just and equitable indexation of Defence Forces Retirement Benefits/Disability military superannuation pensions.

"Under our plan, DFRB and DFRDB military superannuants aged 55 and over will have their superannuation pensions indexed in the same manner as the age and service pensions.

"Last year Labor defeated a coalition private member's Bill to bring this reform in to law. However, this is a commitment that the coalition takes seriously, and we will introduce this in to law if we win the September election. We have also made it clear that this promise is not dependant on the budget being in surplus, and there will be no reduction in the TPI pension to offset the gains made by ex-service personnel in our proposed increases to these payments.

"The Coalition is committed to providing men and women who have served our nation with the pension indexation they deserve."

Mr Taylor also drew attention to a recent announcement by Mr Schultz, member for Hume. Mr Schultz is forming a committee of individuals within the Hume electorate who are interested in helping to the process Anzac Centenary Local Grants applications for the 2015 Anzac Centenary celebrations.

Mr Taylor said:

"I encourage people who have an interest and/or involvement in veterans' affairs and an appreciation of the significance of the Centenary of Anzac to the

community to apply to serve on this committee. Expressions of interest should be directed to Mr Schultz's Cowra office."

Mr Taylor described the coalition's commitment to those who have served our nation as "distinctive."

Please contact Angus Taylor on 0413 963 113 for further information.