

New Zealand First accepts the two principles stated by the Law Commission

War Disablement Pension Rates

- 1) New Zealand First accepts that War Disablement Rates need to be 'deemed to be fair' relative to the average wage, subject to the determination of the 'average wage'; and
- 2) Ensure that pensions maintain relativity.

ACC and equitable basis

- 1) All veterans with attributable conditions should be treated in the same way; and
- 2) & 3) are determined under the Law Commission's first and second principles.

Ex Gratia payments

- 1) Yes, given principle 1 whereby veterans should be entitled to at least those benefits available to the general population.
- 2) New Zealand First would support ex gratia payments for **any** conditions that the medical evidence showed to be strongly associated with exposure to Agent Orange.

Tax paid by Vietnam Veterans

- 1) New Zealand First has continually sought to have this issue settled. With the granting of a Vietnam Medal (Warlike) we consider the theatre to have been confirmed as 'operational'. We would support an investigation of the historical facts of the income tax and the deferred pay; and
- 2) If the results showed that the Vietnam cohort was not treated fairly, an adjustment made to veterans and estates to bring about equity.

Access to the Veterans' Pension

- 1) & 2) Agree in principle that a Veterans' Pension should be granted to those who have been put in harm's way during their service.

Support to the RNZSA Welfare Infrastructure

- 1) & 2) New Zealand First would continue to advocate for the RNZRSA, as it did in 2008 when it secured the grant of an additional \$1m in the budget, in recognition of the work done by the RNZRSA on behalf of its members.

A Medal for Service to the Nation

New Zealand First accepts in principle the award of the New Zealand Defence Medal, and supports the recommendations of the RNZRSA on this issue.

Medals Heritage

New Zealand First would accept in principle the strengthening of criteria to prevent the loss of our medallic heritage.

Defence policy

Yes.

War Veterans' Homes and Hospitals

- 1) Yes
- 2) Yes