

NOTES ON MAKING A SUBMISSION TO THE LAW COMMISSION **ON THE REVIEW OF WAR PENSIONS ACT**

Submissions should be typed. This is because they have to be scanned and copied for distribution to people reading and analysing them and it makes their job much easier. If you cannot do it yourself get your organisation or a friend to do it for you.

Paragraphs should be numbered for ease of reference.

Use short sentences. Long convoluted sentences are difficult to read and often lack clarity of meaning.

Use sub paragraphs for lists of points.

Put a space between paragraphs and sub paragraphs.

Keep your submissions to the issues raised in the review.

Ensure that the points you raise are referenced to the appropriate paragraphs in the review.

Remember you are looking ahead to the future not regurgitating the past. There is no need to make criticisms of the present situation. The Law Commission has done that very effectively in the review.

Give priority to areas that affect your organisation or yourself.

Use personal experience where this can provide reasons why you support or do not support a particular option or proposition in the review.

Often people focus on the things they don't like and tend to ignore what they do like. It is important that key areas like the "reverse onus of proof" receive good support.

It does not have to be long or detailed nor is there any expectation that every question has to be covered. A simple statement like "I agree with paragraphs" can make an adequate submission.

Numbers count. Encourage your members and other ex-service personnel, caregivers to those with disabilities and surviving spouses to also make submissions.