



**Senator Natasha Stott Despoja**  
Senator for South Australia

Mr Terry Fogarty  
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Dear Mr Fogarty,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs.

You have an impressive amount of research material to support your attempts to get justice for veterans in their dealings with DVA.

I understand your concerns relate specifically to claims assessments.

In recent years the criteria for eligibility to a DVA pension have tightened. While review processes do exist they are often cumbersome and unsuccessful.

I see that my colleague, Senator Andrew Bartlett, has already made representation on your behalf.

Your call for an investigation into the legalities of some claim assessments must be brought to the attention of the relevant minister.

I suggest you take the matter to the Hon Alan Griffin MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

Natasha Stott Despoja  
Australian Democrat Senator for South Australia.

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