



ADSO UPDATE – 22 April 2016

IT'S GAME ON

Good Morning,

The Election count down is on. In preparation for it on Saturday 2nd July, we have moved into campaign mode with the release of our [Policy Objectives](#) and the resurrection of our Action Teams in all the marginal seats (less than 5%) and others where there is a sizeable defence community of current and past servicemen and women and their families.



On Anzac Day as a nation we pause to commemorate those who gave their today for our tomorrow. In doing so we acknowledge the motto of the Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia – "Honour the Dead but Fight like Hell for the Living" and specifically the plight of our disabled veterans in our current awareness promotional activities.

ADSO's representative voice to Government has increased in numbers and influence with the welcome addition of the War Widows Guild and other Associations that now total 15.



[We welcome our new Minister for Veterans' Affairs](#) The Hon. Dan Tehan MP

About Us – A Reminder

The Alliance exists as an active representative voice for the Australian defence community to protect their service entitlements and foster their wellbeing to the Australian Parliament and the Australian people. We are a non partisan Alliance. We support politicians who support our policies and encourage the ones that don't to review their priorities.

Pillars of Nationhood Steeped in the Anzac Legend



The Australian article by Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor

Anzac Day is one of the supreme achievements of modern Australia. The original event in all its glory and terror rightly remains the centre of our attention: the heroism of the Anzac soldiers, the scale of the casualties in the Gallipoli campaign — 27,000 Australians killed and wounded — the role of the journalists, the galvanising effect on society, the heroism of the nurses and much, much more. [More](#)

Disabled Veterans' Awareness Promotion

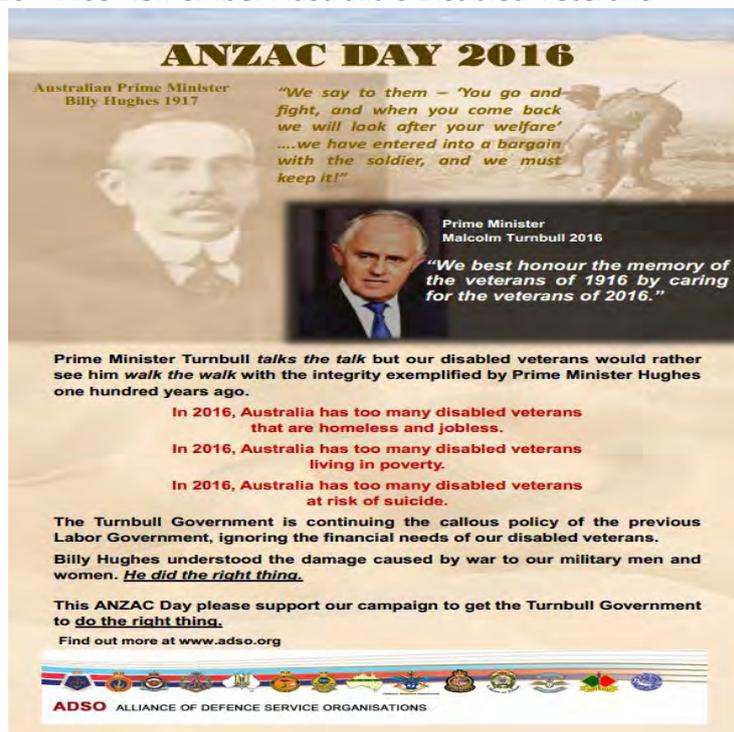
Since 2009 ADSO has expressed a deep concern that successive governments, including the current Turnbull one, have continued to ignore irrefutable evidence that the nation's 130,000 disabled veterans are suffering because of the ongoing erosion of the value of their compensation payments. Those most severely disabled, the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex service Men and Women (TPI/Special Rate), who are unable to work are particularly affected: their living standards and that of their families are falling.

We need the **government to stop this erosion and treat those who have been disabled through their military service to Australia fairly and equitably.**

Our promotion includes three elements:

[Media Statement](#) – The Turnbull Government has Lost the Respect of Disabled Veterans

[Flyer](#) – Anzac Day 2016 – Also Remember Australia's Disabled Veterans



[Video](#) - Disabled Veterans – PM Do the Right Thing



[Policy Objectives 2016/2017](#)

Read the details. This document has been given to all MPs, Senators and Political Parties with a request to tell us their policies in relation to ours and others they intend to include in their 2016 Election Veterans' Policies release. From their replies we publish a comparison table and develop our plans to engage with the Parties in general and with all candidates in specific electorates and States.

Our Action Groups will be active in those engagements not only with the candidates but also the local media, community groups and the public via social media.

For too long we have sought without success to convince successive Governments of their responsibility to restore entitlements taken from us by being fobbed off with the Mother Hubbard excuse: "there is no money available" and with their question "you tell us how we (you) are going to pay for it?" It is the Government's moral responsibility to pay to restore our entitlements that previous Governments have taken away.



Prepare for Action – Here's How You can Help

Share our activities with your family and friends on facebook, twitter or other social media that will help us build momentum.

Join Us. If you have not yet joined us, then please [subscribe](#) to receive our free Updates and/or [volunteer](#) to join your local electorate Action Team or become an Advisor. As an Advisor you can help assist us with your experience and expertise in a particular Campaign policy objective, such as marketing/public relations, media, investigative journalism, superannuation, legal, health, information services and technology, accounting, financial planning, sales, etc

Add On. If you already subscriber to receive our Updates, then please consider increasing your involvement by [volunteering](#) to join your local electorate Action Team or becoming an Advisor.



Donating to fund the Campaign.

We need your donation today so we can fund our Campaign and restore entitlements. If you can please make a donation. Right now every donation no matter how small will make a big impact on our ability to get our message into the community. It will help pay for our promotions and promotional material (posters, Fact Sheet handouts etc), professional advice and administrative expenses. We are all unpaid volunteers and are motivated by the need to protect and care for our Defence community

Thank you for your donation

Keep up to date with the Campaign at [ADSO facebook](#) and [ADSO website](#)

From The Fair Go Team our thanks to all our Action Team warriors and supporters.

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