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RSL WELCOMES REPORT ON VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

Canberra, 18 March 1, 2016– The report released today on the mental health of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and veterans is welcomed by the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL). The initial assessment is that the recommendations address the key issues for veterans.

The recommendation that the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) work together with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and RSL Lifecare to develop a program to address veteran homelessness is pleasing. RSL Lifecare's Homes for Heroes program has been successful in New South Wales and was recently expanded to South Australia. RSL would be open to exploring ways to provide the program to veterans across Australia.

Over the coming weeks RSL will review the report in more depth and look for ways to continue our work to support veterans needing to access services for mental health and other related issues.

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