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## RSL OPPOSED TO PRIVATISATION OF DHA

### RSL concerned by sudden change of management

Canberra, ACT, November 4, 2015– The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) "RSL National President Rear Admiral Ken Doolan has spoken to Ministers about the importance of the Defence Housing Authority(DHA) being allowed to continue its good work.

*"The RSL would continue to strenuously oppose any moves to sell or partially dismember DHA", says National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retired).*

The sudden appointment of former Deputy Secretary of Department of Finance, Jan Morris has sparked concerns from RSL and other Defence organisations. It has restarted the discussion around the potential selling off all or part of DHA's valuable assets. After posting the RSL position on this matter on social media yesterday, it was strongly supported by followers.

*One follower commented that any changes would amount to "economic vandalism".*

The principal purpose of the RSL is promoting the interests and welfare of former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their dependents. DHA was established in 1986 to manage and upgrade Defence properties as a result of criticism at the time about the condition of some houses. It has successfully completed this work and RSL would not like to see any change that may impact families.

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