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## VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

### RSL committed to achieving a single pathway

Canberra, ACT, December 1, 2015– RADM, Ken Doolan National President, Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) met with the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and legal advisor yesterday to discuss the Veteran's Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2015. During this meeting improvements were achieved in the wording of the draft legislation.

Last night the Senate Committee passed only schedules 1 and 3 of the Bill standing over the single pathway amendment contained in schedule 2 for further consideration.

Schedule 2 of the Bill was intended to streamline the appeals process by creating a single pathway for a review of a decision made under Chapter 8 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act.

*"The RSL remains committed to achieving a single pathway and will continue to negotiate to achieve this outcome", said RADM Ken Doolan AO (Retd).*

The passing of Schedule 1 of the Bill means changes will be made to the Veterans' Vocational Rehabilitation Scheme and the Veterans' Entitlements Act. Schedule 3 of the bill amends the Defence Act to enable the repatriation of the remains of eight service dependants buried in Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia, if requested by the families of the deceased.

The RSL supports these changes and is keen to see schedule 2 passed in 2016.

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