



## **The Hon Darren Chester MP**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **RSL CONTINUES SUPPORTING VETERAN COMMUNITY**

MINISTER for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester has today reiterated the importance of the Returned and Services League (RSL) to the veteran community following the announcement that Robert Dick has stood down as National President of the RSL.

Mr Dick has been an active member of the RSL since 1991 and has served as National President and RSL Tasmania President during this time.

"I thank Mr Dick for his 21 years of service in the Royal Australian Air Force and his significant contribution to the RSL and veteran community and wish him well in his future endeavours," Mr Chester said.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the RSL and Mr Dick's successor in the future to ensure that our ex-service men and women receive the services and support they need."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the RSL have a long history of working together to provide support to those who have served and their families.

"The RSL has played a vital role in supporting the veteran community since it was established over 100 years ago by offering care, financial assistance, advocacy and commemorative services," Mr Chester said.

"The Government is committed to putting veterans and their families first, and working with the RSL and other ex-service organisations is an important part of this commitment."

More information about DVA's engagement with the ex-service community and ex-service organisations is available on the [DVA website](#).

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