

National Federation Reform Council

Veterans' Wellbeing Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Authority	<p>On 29 May 2020, National Cabinet established the National Federation Reform Council (NFRC). On 23 October 2020 National Cabinet established an NFRC Taskforce on Veterans' Wellbeing.</p>
Membership	<p>The NFRC Veterans' Wellbeing Taskforce (the Taskforce) consists of Commonwealth, state and territory ministers with responsibility for Veterans' Affairs.</p> <p>The Taskforce is chaired by the Commonwealth Minister for Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>The Chair may invite expert advisers to participate in specific meetings or discussions, as appropriate.</p>
Operations and decision making	<p>The Taskforce will meet at least once a year and more frequently as needed and as determined by the Chair. Meetings may be held in person or by telepresence or teleconference facility. The Taskforce may also conduct work out-of-session.</p> <p>The Taskforce will make decisions and agree on common principles but there will be flexibility in implementation across the jurisdictions to account for each jurisdiction's unique circumstances.</p> <p>The Taskforce will also meet as necessary with other Ministers to enable collaborative work, noting that Veterans' wellbeing issues cut across multiple portfolios.</p> <p>Other operational arrangements are to be made by the Taskforce and do not require NFRC endorsement.</p>
Scope of Taskforce responsibility	<p>The Taskforce will consider how Commonwealth, state and territory governments can work together to better support the wellbeing of veterans in our community.</p> <p>The work of the Taskforce will encompass, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supporting current and former serving Australian Defence Force members, including reservists, with a focus on addressing mental health, suicide prevention, transition, employment, skills and training, incarceration, homelessness issues, supporting families/partners and recognition of commemoration anniversaries, and public awareness of the contribution made to the community by veterans;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• considering recommendations of the newly established National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention and any relevant recommendations from a Coroner where they include a cross-jurisdictional component;• consulting with the Veteran Family Advocate on matters relating to veterans' families;• strengthening connections with peak ex-service organisations to better support veterans; and• monitoring and responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on veterans' and their families' wellbeing.
Review and reporting	Each year, the Taskforce should discuss and set priorities for the coming year, informed by discussion at the previous NFRC meeting. The Taskforce will report to the NFRC annually on progress and outcomes against its priorities.