

Issue Raised by Queensland Veteran Advisory Council (QVAC), ESO or Community Group.	ALP	LNP	Greens	One Nation
Published Qld Veteran Policy or statements?	2.	3.	4.	
Appoint Qld Minister for Veterans (1)	5.			
Continue support for QVAC			6.	
Provide a "Qld Veteran's Card" providing transport concessions.	2.	7.	8.	
Establish a Qld Charter for Veterans establishing principle that current and former ADF members and their families living in Qld, should not be disadvantaged, compared with other citizens of Qld, by legislation or regulation, in access to state provided services.	9.	7.		
Transitioning Veteran to civilian life should not be put on a waiting list for any state provided services.	9, 10.	7.		
Support establishment of Ex-ADF Community Support Services Hub in Townsville - <i>The Oasis Townsville</i> .		11.		

Rating based on Party responses (see DFWA website).

Voters are encourage to quiz candidates, Independents and other parties of their views on these issues.

Clear unequivocal Yes

Will Consider/work towards etc

No

Notes (Summary of Party Response and/or reason for Rating)

1. The Assistant Minister Assisting the Premier currently has responsibility for veteran issues.
2. Click for ALP [Media Release](#).
3. Click for [LNP Policy](#).
4. Referenced Green [Policy](#) is a Federal Policy, not State.
5. Premier will be appointed Minister for Veteran Affairs.
6. With controls in place to ensure not excluding anyone on the basis of age, gender, deployment etc.
7. Appointed Minister will work with DFWA to address issue/proposal.
8. Yes but, but part of larger community concession and possible National approach with DVA involved.
9. An ALP Government will work with DFWA to investigate proposal.
10. Queenslanders with the highest needs are provided services first.
11. Happy to work with community groups, local and federal governments to make this project a reality and have allocated \$2m for a Veterans Transition Grants Program.

Parties were also invited to make a brief statement (up to 100 words) regarding intended tangible measures supporting veterans and families (without motherhood statements) to be implemented in the fixed term of the next Qld government.

Party	Response
ALP	<p>The Palaszczuk Government acknowledges the service and sacrifices made by current and former Australian Defence Force personnel and their families. A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will introduce a range of initiatives to support veterans and their families. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naming the Premier as the Minister for Veterans Affairs • Providing 50% public transport discounts to DVA white card holders • Establishing a defence forces personnel support hub in Townsville • Establishing a pilot program within the Queensland Public Service to identify at least 100 jobs that would be suitable for veterans • Providing \$1.5 million for a grants program to allow veterans groups and other organisations to apply for funding to provide support services to veterans and to create, maintain and/or renovate monuments and memorials. This will help restore cuts made by the previous LNP Government.
LNP	<p>Please refer cover letter as well and the Honouring Our Veterans policy. But the LNP has made the following commitments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointing a Minister for Veterans' Affairs. 2. Committing to a public service veterans target to increase the number of ex-ADF personnel working in the public service. 3. Appointing a senior representative in the public service as the Veterans Champion to mentor and establish a network of veterans in the public service. 4. Creating a \$2 million Veterans Transition Grants Program. 5. Making the Queensland Veterans' Advisory Council a permanent fixture of the Queensland Government.
Greens	<p>Despite common misconceptions The Greens would be the strongest supporters of veterans and veterans' families of all of the major parties. For example back in 2004 the then leader Senator Brown was criticising the coalition for allowing the TPI pension to fall behind average income and CPI increases, he also affirmed the party's support for specific health and social services. There's plenty of further examples throughout the years until now that show that The Greens are committed to the welfare of our veterans. To date it has been Labor and Coalition governments who have cut back conditions of service for members, and privatised aspects of the ADF that supports members. The Greens would not support the paring back of conditions of service that members joined under, nor do we support privatisation of aspects of government services that impact on defence members and their quality of life.</p>
One Nation	<p>One Nation believes that people who have served in the armed services deserve the Nation's thanks. A high proportion of those individuals have suffered hurt because of that service. One Nation believes that all service personnel and their families should be accorded every assistance available from the State as a recognition of the debt that the State owes. Any service or assistance available from the State should be available to service personnel and their families. One Nation supports the efforts of your organisation in seeking a fair go for service personnel and their families. It is simply the right thing to do.</p>