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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

New proposals to assist veterans welcomed

On behalf of the Tasmanian Liberal Government, I welcome the Federal Government's new proposals on how we can better assist returning service men and women.

With a focus on helping veterans settle back into life outside the defence force, all State and Territory Ministers reaffirmed their commitments to support veterans and their families at the meeting.

Discussions included proposals for an Australian Veterans' Covenant, an agreement to look after returning veterans by promoting active lifestyles, linking veterans with job opportunities, and better support veterans and their families.

Coupled with this is a proposal for a Veterans Card, which would provide Veterans with discounts to services. The card would be the first of its kind as a national approach to recognise veterans.

This was the third meeting of Ministers' in charge of veterans' issues, and was held on the final day of the Sydney Invictus Games. The games are a great reminder of the courage and sacrifice of current and past service people.

The Hodgman Liberal is a strong supporter of our veteran community, and we will always support initiatives which help returned service personnel to settle back into civilian life, and acknowledge their sacrifice.