



**Mrs Louise Markus MP**

**The Hon Bob Baldwin MP**

Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Personnel and

Assisting Shadow Minister for Defence

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### **SENATE INQUIRY INTO SUPERANNUATION REFORM**

The Senate will hold an Inquiry into military and civilian superannuation reforms proposed by the Rudd Labor Government.

The Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Louise Markus MP, and the Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Personnel and Assisting Shadow Minister for Defence, Bob Baldwin MP, said the Coalition urged interested individuals to make a submission to the Senate on these Bills.

"The veteran community have made numerous representations to me with concerns about the *Governance of Australian Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010* and related Bills", Mrs Markus said.

"The Bills propose the management of civilian and military superannuation schemes be merged into one new authority, with a 10-person board comprising three trade union representatives and two Defence representatives", Mr Baldwin said. "The remaining five representatives will be chosen by the Finance Minister."

"The Coalition does not support the inclusion of three trade unionists onto a board managing military superannuation. Furthermore, we do not believe the merger is in the best interests of veterans, ex-service members or the broader Australian community.

Mr Baldwin and Mrs Markus said military superannuation remained an issue which evoked deep passion in the ex-service community.

"The Senate Inquiry will provide an opportunity for those people with concerns about military superannuation arrangements to have their voices heard."

Written submissions to the Senate Inquiry need to be lodged by Friday 5 March 2010, with a public hearing set down for Thursday 11 March 2010. The Senate Inquiry will report to the Senate with its findings on Monday 15 March 2010.

Written submissions can be made by **Friday 5 March 2010** to:

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
PO Box 6100, Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: [fpa.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fpa.sen@aph.gov.au)

Mrs Markus and Mr Baldwin encourage anyone with a view on military superannuation management arrangements, especially the proposed merger, to contact the committee with their views.

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