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Dear (Candidate for Bullwinkel)

INVESTING IN OUR VETERANS
RSL's Five Priority Requests to Candidates

As the nation prepares to elect its future leaders, the RSL has called upon all candidates to demonstrate a shared dedication to our veterans by committing support to five key priorities:

- An enduring commitment to implement in full the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide
- Improved access to quality fee-free advocacy
- Improved access to healthcare for veterans and their families
- Sustained investment in the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Boost Australia's Defence Capability through investment in a 'balanced force'

Full details of these priorities are contained in the report provided to your office in March by the RSL, 'INVESTING IN OUR VETERANS – RSL's Five Priority Requests to Candidates'. ([Link](#))

The RSL is calling on all candidates to demonstrate a shared dedication to our veterans by committing their support to addressing these issues. In the recent Federal Budget, the Government committed to sustained funding for resourcing the Department of Veterans' affairs, but the RSL would have liked to have seen funding for *all* the critical veteran issues we outlined in our report.

The Opposition's response to the Budget promised to maintain veteran services and boost Defence funding. We now seek details and confirmation of these pledges from candidates during the election campaign. We are keen to hear your personal view.

By working together and staying focused on these priorities, Australia has the chance to create a future where our veterans are supported, healthy, and thriving – ultimately benefiting all of society.

The Northam Sub-branch looks forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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