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Mr Geoffrey Barker







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My name is Geoffrey Barker, I am a Leading Firefighter employed with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) stationed at Cranbourne.

I served 8 years in the Royal Australian Navy from 1991 - 1999.

I attempted to have my period of service recognised and long service leave credited to my employment with CFA.

During this process I found both levels of government, state and Commonwealth would recognise periods of service, provided the other would fund it.

This is clearly stated on the Request for Statement of Service (ADF Members);

"In accordance with the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997, funds can only be transferred to another Commonwealth Government Organisation. If you are seeking to transfer your long service leave entitlement to a State or Local Government Authority, you should confirm that they will accept your leave liability without transfer of funds from Defence."

CFA's Recognition of Prior Service Procedure states the following;

"Eligibility - All employees may apply to have their service with other Government Departments or Agencies recognised for long service leave entitlement purposes."

"Considerations - Service with following organisations will be recognised as service in a Government Department or Agency for the purposes of long service leave:

State or Commonwealth Government Department

provided that Long service leave entitlements have been paid out; or CFA receives a transfer of funds from the Government Department or Agency for the accrued long service entitlement."

It is extremely disappointing that both State and Commonwealth Governments are happy to recognise prior service for long service leave, provided the other government funds it.

Government servants are being denied recognised entitlements while both governments deny liability for funding it.

I seek your help in addressing this situation.

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