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Media Statement

Report of Royal Commission into Defence & Veteran Suicide

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The NSW Government welcomes the report and recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

The seven-volume Final Report contains 122 recommendations that were tabled in Federal Parliament yesterday afternoon.

The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) is currently working on the next iteration of the NSW Government Veterans Strategy 2025-2030, due to be launched in 2025, and the important findings of the Royal Commission will help inform the strategy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commonwealth for establishing the Royal Commission, and also thank the many witnesses who provided testimonies to guide these recommendations.

The horrific trauma of suicide can only be truly understood by the loved ones of victims.

I know that many in our community have experienced the loss of a family member who served in our Defence force, and I would like to thank you for supporting our veterans, and I thank our veterans for their service.

If you or someone you know requires help, the following services are available for assistance:

- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
- Open Arms: 1800 011 046
- Defence Member and Family Helpline: 1800 624 608
- Defence All-hours Support Line: 1800 628 036
- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636
- 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732
- Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491
- MensLine: 1300 78 99 78
- 13YARN: 13 92 76

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