



The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen & Women Ltd  
(Incorporated in the ACT)

## **TPI FEDERATION AUSTRALIA**

*“Disabled in our Service - United in our Cause”*



# **Federation President's Report**

## **December 2024**

As we reflect on the remarkable year of 2024, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you and your families for your unwavering support and dedication to the TPI Federation Board. Your loyalty and contributions have been instrumental in shaping a brighter future for our community.

This year, we witnessed significant milestones, including the finalization of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and the Government's commitment to address the recommendations. We eagerly await the Government's response and the implementation of crucial reforms

A testament to our collective advocacy efforts, we secured government funding to provide all TPIs with necessary hearing aids, a long-awaited victory after 10 years of advocacy and at the instigation of the new DVA Secretary, Ms Alison Frame, which will enable all TPIs to receive the hearing aids that they need as a result of the Defence Service, and not just have to rely on the base level welfare hearing aid that non-Veterans receive.

Additionally, following 5 years of advocacy, the entitlement to DVA Booked Car with Driver for medical appointments, regardless of age, will undoubtedly enhance the well-being and independence of TPIs and their families for medical appointments and commitments regardless of age. This is most important for all TPIs to enable them to attend their medical appointments without stress or anxiety. Remember to call 1800 550 455 for all your medical transportation needs.

This, following the introduction of Rent Assistance for TPIs in January 2023, will, it is hoped, enable life to be a little easier for you and your families.

We also acknowledge the tireless work of our TPI Federation Directors and State/Territory Association Boards/Committees. Their dedication and commitment to our cause are invaluable. All these volunteers, who are there to address your needs, cannot achieve these successes without your input.

The upcoming year will see the new updated MRCA (2004) legislation, which was a result endorsed by Parliament with the expected commencement date of 1 July 2026. The hard work to enable this by your Federation Board, many DVA personnel and input from many TPI Association members is to be applauded.

As we look ahead to 2025, we anticipate the implementation of the updated MRCA (2004) legislation, a significant achievement that will positively impact our lives. We encourage you to actively engage with your State/Territory Associations and share your concerns and suggestions.

We are excited about the upcoming TPI Federation Congress meetings in Canberra on 9-11 April and 10-12 September 2025. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow TPIs and discuss important issues.

Wishing you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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