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Subject: Following up concerns re low DVA rates for medical services

Dear Minister

You will recall we wrote to you in June this year following concerns raised with us by AMA Queensland members about the Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services ('DVA rates'). We also submitted these concerns to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide in July this year.

Doctors continue to advise that DVA rates are so low they are being forced to decline treating our returned service personnel under the scheme. It simply no longer covers the cost of providing the health care our defence personnel need and deserve.

As previously stated, we would welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you further with the aim of developing a sensible resolution of these concerns that ensures ongoing clinician support for these worthy patients.

Yours sincerely

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