Queensland Veterans Council

Consultation with veterans stakeholders

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- Government has approved the preparation of a model for a new statutory body - the Queensland Veterans Council (QVC)
Background

• The QVC is consistent with the broader government policy to:
  • improve collaboration and coordination of veterans’ policy and programs across government;
  • Modernise and strengthen the legislative framework for veterans matters in Queensland.
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• If established as a statutory body, the QVC will be subject to State legislation and reporting requirements that apply to all state government statutory bodies including:
  - Financial Accountability Act 2009
  - Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982
  - Right to Information Act 2009
  - Ombudsman Act 2001
  - Public Records Act 2002
  - Crime and Misconduct Act 2001
  - Public Sector Ethics Act 1994
Functions of QVC

Three broad areas:

- Anzac Square
- Anzac Day Trust Fund
- Providing advice to government on veterans’ matters
Anzac Square – QVC role

- Trustee of Anzac Square
- Manage, maintain and preserve Anzac Square including the Shrine of Remembrance, the Shrine of Memories and the Crypt
- Approve and oversee ceremonial activities and events
- Approve, manage, and promote public programs
- Help manage and preserve the parks and gardens.
Anzac Day Trust- background

• Established under the *Anzac Day Act 1995*
• Governed by a four member Board of Trustees.
• Continues the Anzac Day Trust with functions relating to the Anzac Day Trust Fund and establishes the Trust as a statutory body.
• Provides that the Trust Fund receives an annual grant from the State.
• Makes annual disbursements from the Trust Fund
Anzac Day Trust- under QVC

• The current statutory body and the Board of Trustees will be abolished.

• The QVC will take over responsibility for the management of the Anzac Day Trust Fund.

• The Anzac Day Trust Fund will continue to receive an annual grant amount from Government.
Advisory Function

• The QVC will provide advice to the Minister responsible for veterans on issues affecting Queensland’s veteran community.

• In providing the advice the QVC will be required to consult broadly with Queensland’s veteran community.

• The Minister may also refer issues to the QVC for consideration and advice.
Veterans Reference Group

• The Minister will have the option to establish a Veterans Reference Group to support the QVC in the performance of its advisory function.
• The Veterans Reference Group will replace QVAC
• Membership of the Veterans Reference Group may be drawn from the Veterans Organisations or community organisations that support veterans.
Structure

- Governance/functional board structure
- 8 members
  - 6 members appointed by Governor in Council (appointed members)
  - 2 ex-officio members
- Appointed members
  - 2 members nominated by veterans’ organisations
  - 4 members nominated by the Minister including two members with skills, experience or expertise in corporate governance, business or financial management.
Next Steps

- Legislation is required to establish the QVC as a statutory body.
- Consultation with key stakeholders.
- Timing for the passage of the Bill will depend on the parliamentary legislative timeframe.