



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER STATEMENT**

**Veterans and Veterans' Families Strategy**

 **Mrs POOLE** (Mundingburra—LNP) (2.51 pm): The Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant oath reads—

We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks

to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice  
demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served  
and promise to welcome, embrace and support

all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community.

For what they have done, this we will do.

Those words are not just an oath; they are a solemn promise from the Australian people to every veteran who has worn our nation's uniform. As the Assistant Minister for Veterans, I stand in this House to reaffirm that promise on behalf of the Crisafulli government.

Veterans and their families have given more than most of us could ever imagine. Their service has taken them from training fields here at home to distant battlefields, peacekeeping and humanitarian missions across the world. They carry the weight of sacrifice so that we may live in safety, freedom and prosperity. With that service comes a responsibility on all of us—as a parliament, as a government and as a community—to ensure they are not ever forgotten and are never left behind.

That is why the Crisafulli government has introduced the Queensland Veterans and Veterans' Families Strategy 2025—the first of its kind in our state and a nation-leading initiative. For the first time in Australia, this is a government strategy that not only supports veterans themselves but also formally recognises and cares for their families. By including families, Queensland is setting a new national benchmark in how we deliver care, wellbeing and opportunity for the entirely veteran community. Each plays a vital role in supporting our veterans and their families through advocacy, health, housing, education, employment, commemoration or simply by providing a community of understanding.

When we say the Australian defence oath, we make a pledge that must be lived in our words, our deeds and our policy. Our government is proud to stand with veterans and their families and proud to be delivering the Queensland Veterans and Veterans' Families Strategy 2025 to ensure that pledge is honoured in full.