



## **Veteran Employment Advisory Committee Meeting – 24 November 2025**

The Veteran Employment Advisory Committee (VEAC) met on Monday 24 November 2025 at the Australian Parliament House.

Agenda items included an address from the Hon Matt Keogh MP, Minister for Defence Personnel and Veterans' Affairs, an update on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Employment Program, an update on the Veteran Employment Commitment Terms and Conditions, and discussion on areas of focus for VEAC in 2026. The Minister thanked the Committee members for their contributions to date. To build on the Committee's expertise and ensure a comprehensive approach to veteran employment challenges, the Minister invited members to share ideas and insights on how best to support veterans.

Members were provided with an update on the growth of the Veteran Employment Commitment (VEC). The Committee acknowledged the work done by the Veteran Employment Program (VEP) Team and endorsed updates to the Veteran Employment Commitment Terms and Conditions. More information about the VEC, including a tool to search for VEC members can be found at [www.veteranemployment.gov.au/show-your-commitment/veteran-employment-commitment](http://www.veteranemployment.gov.au/show-your-commitment/veteran-employment-commitment).

The Committee discussed potential areas of focus for 2026. The Committee will develop clear task statements for VEAC's focus for 2026 in line, with the Minister's National Club address on 2 December 2025.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to the outgoing temporary members for their valuable contributions in 2025, and noted that new temporary category memberships will be offered in early 2026 to award winners for the 'Best Regional Veteran Employment Initiative', 'Veteran and/or Partner Entrepreneur of the Year' and 'Champion of Veteran Employment', announced at the Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards ceremony on 24 November 2025. More information on the Awards can be found at [www.veteranemployment.gov.au/awards](http://www.veteranemployment.gov.au/awards)