



**Royal Commission**  
into Defence and Veteran Suicide

# Request for a private session

## Overview

Hearing from family members of Defence members and veterans who have died by suicide will greatly assist the work of the Commissioners. So will the stories of Defence members and veterans who have lived experience of suicide behaviour or risk factors (including attempted or contemplated suicide, feelings of suicide or poor mental health outcomes).

A private session is a confidential meeting with a Commissioner/s where you tell them about your personal experience. You decide what you say and what you do not want to share. Private sessions can happen by telephone, video link or in person.

The Royal Commission will continue to hold private sessions until at least the end of December 2022.

You may request a private session and also choose to make a submission.

## Making a request

The online request form is designed to capture information about you and the reason for your request to enable the request to be considered.

The reason for the private session needs to be relevant to the work of the Royal Commission and consistent with the areas of inquiry set out in the Royal Commission's terms of reference. The terms of reference for the Royal Commission are included in the Letters Patent, which were made on 8 July 2021.

Before you make a request for a private session, please note that the Commission cannot resolve individual disputes. It cannot fix or award compensation or make orders requiring a party to a dispute to take or not take any action.

You can mail this completed form to: GPO Box 3273, Sydney NSW 2001.

## How your information will be used

The information you discuss at your private session will not be made public nor will your identity be published in Royal Commission reports.

The session is an opportunity for you to talk to the Commissioner about your experiences to inform the Commissioner of issues relevant to the work of the Commission.

## Private session request form

This information will be used by the Commission staff to process your request.

A staff member from the Private Sessions Branch will be in contact with you to discuss your request and seek further information if required.

### 1. What is your name?

**(Required)**

Name:

### 2. What is your date of birth?

**(Required)**

Date of birth: Day (dd)      Month (mm)      Year (yyyy)

### 3. What is your email address?

**(Required)**

Email:

### 4. What is your preferred contact number?

**(Required)**

Phone number:

### 5. What is your postal address?

Street address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

### 6. What is the best way to contact you?

**(Required)**

- Phone:
- Email:
- Post:

**7. Can you briefly tell us why you would like to have a private session with a Commissioner?**

**Please write here and attach more pages if you require them**

**8. Which best describes you?**

- A family member
- Currently serving in the ADF
- A veteran

-----  
**Other:**  
-----

**9. What is your preferred way to speak with a Commissioner?**

-----  
**In order of preference by numbering 1,2 and 3**  
-----

- Face to Face
- By phone
- By videoconference

**10. Have you already made a submission to the Royal Commission?**

- Yes
- No

**10.1. If yes, what is the reference number of your submission?**

-----  
**Reference Number:**  
-----

**11. Is it okay for us to say we are from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide when we contact you?**

**(Required)**

- Yes
- No