

Notional Retiring Age Penalty

DFRDB Detriment Group

The roll-on effects of the Notional Retiring Age Penalty Scheme are well appreciated by all those affected by this discriminatory legislation. Rather than continue to complain in silence, a group of ex-service people have decided to initiate a class action against the Commonwealth of Australia in an effort to redress this issue. The group is notionally titled the **DFRDB Detriment Group**.

There are many obvious questions, such as:

- Why have other individuals failed in their attempt to have this legislation reviewed and the detriment recalculated and entitlements paid accordingly?
- What is required to establish the case and have Australian Defence Force (or Department of Defence) laws, regulations or practices changed?
- How will we manage such an action?
- How much will it cost?

All these questions will be worked through but the immediate requirement is to make contact with all officers with pension detriment. John Edwards, Josh Coleman & Paul Welch (all ex-RAAF Officers) are forming this group but will need all the help and information you can provide. This will be a long process but the more people involved, the more able we will be to apply pressure on the Government to review this discriminatory legislation. Your assistance and involvement will help our efforts.

We would like to ascertain who is interested and willing to participate in the action, and if so to forward their details via email to:

dfrdbdetriment@yahoo.com.au

Lastly, if you know of anyone who would benefit from joining the DFRDB Detriment Group, please forward this information to them. We need a considerable number of ex-service personnel to be involved.

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