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TO: ALL DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS, RSL SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS AND  
STATE COUNCILLORS

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**STATE COUNCIL UPDATE**

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of State Council and State Branch to thank all members for their patience and understanding in relation to the current investigations underway regarding RSL NSW. Whilst State Council and State Branch have worked hard to maintain our current levels of service to the members, the investigations are still ongoing and the process will continue until a satisfactory resolution is achieved. As always, State Branch is committed to providing members with as much information as possible and is happy to receive any feedback members may wish to make regarding the process to date and any future actions that could be addressed.

At a Special State Council meeting on 20 December, following a briefing from the Acting National President, National Solicitor and lead investigator from KordaMentha, it was resolved to commit to the following actions:

1. RSL NSW will engage KordaMentha to conduct further investigations into a number of areas highlighted in the preliminary report which was delivered on 20 December
2. State Council will establish a Board of Inquiry to hear matters raised in the KordaMentha preliminary report
3. State Council in conjunction with the National Solicitor will cooperate in an investigation into the governance standards of RSL NSW

These steps show that RSL NSW is taking a proactive stance regarding issues which have been highlighted in the last few months. Through addressing these issues, State Council and State Branch will restore confidence in the leadership of RSL NSW and ensure the future of our great organisation.

Finally I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN HAINES  
STATE PRESIDENT**