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TO: ALL HONORARY SECRETARIES AND SECRETARIES OF RSL SUB-BRANCHES,
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND STATE COUNCILLORS

EXPIRY DATE: 31st December, 2017

Dear Members,

RESPONSE TO RECENT MEDIA REPORT

A report appeared in various media outlets yesterday suggesting that money was being used by RSL NSW State Council to fund legal representation regarding the show cause that was issued by RSL National in January 2017. Some members and social media comments have suggested that the money used to fund the legal advice has been directed away from RSL welfare activities to cover the cost. This is completely incorrect.

The welfare activities and services offered to the veteran community are through a separate legal entity, RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institution (RSL WBI) trading as RSL DefenceCare. These welfare activities are funded by donations to RSL WBI and the proceeds from Appeals and they are not and will not be impacted by the cost of any legal advice provided to State Council at any time. Members should rest assured that RSL NSW is continuing to provide for the well-being, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-serving Defence Force Personnel and their dependants during this difficult time.

Further, members should also be aware that State Branch staff have confirmed with Scott & Broad Insurance Brokers that legal fees incurred in relation to this action are recoverable through the State Branch Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. O'Brien'.

Jeff O'Brien

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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