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DEFENCE HOUSING DESERVES CERTAINTY

The RSL has called on the Federal Government to remove the shadow of uncertainty hanging over thousands of Defence personnel living in Defence Housing.

RSL National President Rear Admiral Ken Doolan said full or partial privatisation of Defence Housing Australia (DHA) must be ruled out.

“We welcome a Senate inquiry into DHA, announced today,” Rear Admiral Doolan said.

“DHA was established in 1986 to remedy the very poor standard of housing for Defence personnel, and it’s vital to supporting ADF families and boosting morale.

“There’s no point changing what works and we expect this inquiry will show that.”

DHA accommodated more than 15,000 Defence families around the nation and returned a \$54.6 million dividend to the Australian Government last year.ⁱ

“With a 95 per cent customer satisfaction rating and more than \$90 million in net profit, there’s no real argument for privatising DHA,” Rear Admiral Doolan said.

The Senate inquiry is to report by 30 April 2016.

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ⁱ https://www.dha.gov.au/docs/default-source/annual-reports/annual-report-2014-15_final.pdf?sfvrsn=0