

Policy Advocacy Strategy 2023-24

HOW TO RAISE AN ISSUE

1 SUB-BRANCH
Sub-Branch votes to raise issue to District Council (DC)

2 DISTRICT COUNCIL
DC votes to raise issue to District President's Council (DPC)

3 DPC
DPC votes to raise issue to RSL NSW Veteran Services & Policy Committee (VSPC) for review

4 VSPC
VSPC votes to endorse issue and determines action to be taken

5 ADVOCACY
RSL NSW advocates through:

- Data and Evidence
- Advocacy to Government
- RSL National & State Branches
- Media & Communications

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

- Implement all recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide
- Establish a permanent, independent National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Wellbeing
- Establish a Peak Body for the veteran support sector
- Support the Government's proposed veterans' entitlements legislation reform
- Improve claims and wellbeing advocacy for veterans
- Increase processing capacity for DVA entitlements claims
- Improve access to healthcare for veterans and their families
- Fund additional support for the families of veterans
- Fund research into veterans' homelessness

KEY DATES

27 January, 2023 Federal Pre-Budget Submissions due

May, 2024 Federal Budget

17 June, 2024 Final Report of the Royal Commission tabled to Federal Parliament

August, 2024 NSW Pre-Budget Submissions due

September, 2024 NSW Budget

October, 2024 RSL NSW Annual Congress

OUR ADVOCACY PROCESS

1 IDENTIFY THE ISSUE
How is it impacting veterans, their families and those who support them?

2 RESEARCH
Analyse data to quantify the issue.

3 DEFINE THE OUTCOMES
What does success look like and how is it measured?

4 IDENTIFY THE AUDIENCE
Who do we want to raise the issue with?

5 DEVELOP THE MESSAGE
What do we want ourselves and others to say?

6 ACTION
How, when and to whom do we deliver the message?

7 MEASURE
Did we achieve the defined outcomes?

8 EVALUATE
What did we do well? What can we do better?
How can we leverage the outcomes?