

## **Vasey RSL Care – 2023-24 Pre-Budget Submission for: The V Centre Veteran Empowerment Program**

Dear Member

As a constituent of yours, I write to express my support for funding of The V Centre, an initiative of Vasey RSL Care, a not-for-profit organisation with a proud tradition of supporting veterans and war widows going back over 100 years.

Now, our veterans need your support.

I understand that Vasey RSL Care has lodged a Pre-Budget Submission to the Federal Government to support the transition and welfare of our veterans. Essentially, a partnership and co-funding arrangement with the Federal Government to manage and operate the **V Centre** – an industry-first purpose-designed facility located close to Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital that will provide individualised housing and support services for veterans at a point of crisis and homelessness.

I am very concerned with the increasing incidence of despair and homelessness being experienced by our veterans – they deserve better, and I fully support this unique and timely initiative.

I urge you to support this Submission to the Federal Government for the benefit of the most vulnerable veterans who really need this program.

Yours sincerely