



Senator Fraser Anning **Senator for Queensland**

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Senator Anning Takes Lead on Adopting the Military Covenant

Today in the Senate, outspoken KAP senator Fraser Anning moved a motion for the establishment and implementation of an Australian Military Covenant.

In essence it is a reciprocal social contract between the nation and those willing to sacrifice rights, liberty and their life to defend that nation. It is a declaration and commitment from the nation to accept responsibility for veterans' wellbeing after their service is complete.

Speaking after the conclusion of the vote, Senator Anning expressed his delight that his motion passed.

"It is great to see various policy announcements by the major parties however this issue is too important to remain just a policy or election promise."

"We need bipartisan support from all sides of the political spectrum to ensure that policy announcements and backbench murmurings are turned into action." Senator Anning said.

"My motion calls on the government to consult with the veteran community then enshrine in legislation an Australian Military Covenant."

"We have an absolute responsibility as a nation to ensure that our veterans are not abandoned after the completion of their service." Senator Anning continued.

"It is only just that those who risk life and limb to allow us to sleep safe in our beds are looked after by us after their service and not abandoned to fall victim to their wounds, whether physical or psychological."

"Our great nation has been built on the backs and sacrifice of our military, now is the time to stop dithering and playing political games. It is now the time for the government to act." Senator Anning concluded.

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