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Fact Sheet No 5 – Further Problems With The DART

1.0 No External Avenue Of Appeal On Reparation Payment

- The DART Reparation Payment is not subject to independent external review.
- It is a take it or leave it and be grateful scenario.

2.0 Restorative Justice

- The DART Offers “restorative justice”.
- It is a concept borrowed from the Tiwi Island Aborigines which is unique to them.
- This entails meeting with personnel from Defence and being given an apology.
- However, how can it make up for the life time of suffering and poverty that the victims have suffered?
- This is not so much Defence being genuinely sorry but rather one of sorry that they were caught out.
- A more appropriate way of saying sorry is:-
 - a. Better Reparation and
 - b. Brining the perpetrators to justice –strip them of their medals, pensions and bring them before a Civilian Court and let them be tried for their abuse.
- Still not clear whether the apologies will be made or not.

3.0 What Is Really Needed?

As electors we say the current DART setup is wrong and something better is needed

- A proper statutory authority separate and independent of Defence to oversee and stamp out abuse in the Defence Force.

One, whose personnel have never served in Defence or the Defence Public Service.

- More appropriate Reparation Payments – at least \$500,000 to be in line with Community Standards – see Oyston V St Patricks College, [2013] NSWCA 135

- One whose actions and decisions can be reviewed by the Court System – initially the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court.

4.0 More Information

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The Australian Defence Force And Abuse:-

"It was Hubris that made Angels into Devils.

It is obstinacy that keeps them in Hell"