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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS A WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Labor welcomes the Government's Veterans' Employment Program.

Labor has long said when there is more we can do to support our veterans it should be done.

We know employment opportunities for veterans and their families create better opportunities for transition into civilian life.

Defence personnel have a qualified set of skills for their roles within Defence.

It is important to understand and value these skills and recognise how they can be harnessed for roles outside of the defence force when personnel decide to transition.

In order to be sure that this program is effective, Labor would encourage a review of this program in the first 12 months to ensure of its success, particularly in terms of participation of veterans and their job sustainment.

Labor wants nothing but the best possible outcomes for our veterans and a review of this program would ensure this.

Today's announcement will only be effective should there be real and active outcomes for the veterans community.

Labor is encouraged by this program for our veterans and will continue to monitor the outcomes of the Veterans' Employment Program.

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