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Labor slashes funding for veterans' charity

Budget cuts to the veterans' pathway program run by charity Soldier On makes absolutely no sense according to Federal Member for Braddon and veteran, Gavin Pearce.

“This Soldier On program has successfully transitioned thousands of veterans, their partners and other family members from life in the military back into the civilian world,” Mr Pearce said.

“One of the major determinants of a successful transition from military life is moving quickly into meaningful employment. That’s not only important for the financial security of the family unit, but for all aspects of physical and mental health. I know this is one of the greatest adjustments ADF families make and this is a holistic program that supports that.”

“Tasmania has a proud record of service and the highest number of veterans per capita in Australia. On top of that, everywhere I go, employers are telling me they can’t find skilled workers to fill their employment gaps, so this decision doesn’t make sense to me.”

“I’ve seen and listened to all sides of politics stand up and say, ‘employing a veteran is a great investment for any business. The job-ready skills they bring to the workplace would be hard to match’. But I suppose it’s easy for current government members to talk-the-talk.”

“The federal government should be supporting the important work of great organisations like Soldier On Australia who are part of the solution, instead of pulling the rug out from underneath our NFPs, our veterans and our businesses.”

<https://www.skynews.com.au/opinion/sharri-markson/budget-cuts-to-veterans-pathway-program-is-a-major-disappointment-soldier-on-chairman/video/8de3ec7c8de36921b836365171113fod>

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