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**AUSSIE VETERANS WORSE OFF UNDER TURNBULL GOVERNMENT IN 2017**

From tomorrow, thousands of veterans will start the new year worse off under the Turnbull Government.

Changes by the Turnbull Government to the pension asset test will leave thousands of veterans who are on the service pension, age pension or widows/widowers and in receipt of the income support supplement out of pocket.

[The Government's own figures](#) reveal that more than 13,000 Australians receiving a Veterans' Affairs pension will either lose part of their pension, or be kicked off the pension all together.

Some veterans will be more than \$130 worse off per fortnight due to the Turnbull Government's changes to their pension.

Veterans should be enjoying the holiday season with their families and friends, not having to worry about having their pension cut and how they are now going to get by in the new year.

Is this really how the Turnbull Government thinks we should be treating our veterans and ex-service personnel?

The Turnbull Government's cuts to pensioners and veterans show how out of touch they are. At the same time as they cut the pension, they are giving a \$50 billion tax cut to big business and the banks.

Any veterans who are concerned about their pension and how the Government's changes to the pension assets test will affect them are urged to contact Centrelink Financial Information Services on 132 300.

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