



Viet Nam Veterans & Families - Consultation on Agent Orange and Other Concerns

REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

Following the report of the Health Select Committee in 2004, the Government accepted that New Zealand service men and women were exposed to a toxic environment (including Agent Orange) during their service in Viet Nam. The Government established a Joint Working Group to make recommendations on a package of measures to address the health and well being needs of Viet Nam Veterans and their families. The Joint Working Group is chaired by Michael Wintringham, former State Services Commissioner, and is comprised of representatives from the Ex-Vietnam Services Association (EVSA) and the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association (RNZRSA), and officials from the Offices of the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

The Joint Working Group wishes to consult with Viet Nam Veterans and their families to help it formulate its recommendations to the Government. Written submissions can be made to the Joint Working Group. There will also be opportunity to speak to the Joint Working Group during a series of consultation meetings later this year.

Those wishing to participate in the consultation process are invited to register their interest by contacting:

www.vietnamvetSWG.govt.nz

or Free phone 0800 838-372
(Free phone hours: Mon – Fri 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Registrations of Interest will be accepted until 28 October 2005. Those who register will be provided with more information on the submission and consultation process.

Further information on the Joint Working Group, including Terms of Reference can be found at **www.vietnamvetSWG.govt.nz**

You can also contact the Joint Working Group by writing to:

- Address: **Joint Working Group on Concerns
of Viet Nam Veterans
PO Box 10-916
The Terrace
Wellington**
- Email: **info@vietnamvetSWG.govt.nz**
- Fax: **04 460-2218**

The deadline for written submissions is Friday 9 December 2005. The consultation meetings are expected to begin in mid November 2005. Dates, times and locations of the meetings will be notified to those people who have registered their interest.

Michael Wintringham
Chair of the Joint Working Group