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# Media Release Community consultation to honour contemporary veterans

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The NSW Government has commenced consultation with contemporary veterans and their families to seek feedback on how their service can be further acknowledged.

The survey is an important step to hear directly from the veteran community in response to the proposal to establish a new memorial to honour their service and sacrifice.

The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs is leading the consultation process which includes an online survey for veterans of recent operations, as well as forums to enable further discussion once the survey results have been analysed.

The information received from the survey and community consultation will complement the current NSW Government Veterans Strategy and Actional Plan which is in place until the end of 2024.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans David Harris:

"The NSW Government values our veteran community and is working hard to ensure that veterans and their families are acknowledged and supported.

"I encourage all veterans from recent conflicts and peacekeeping operations to share their thoughts via an online survey so we can hear what the community values as an important way to honour their service.

"The survey is completely anonymous, and it is important that veterans and their families share their views with us. The results will be analysed, and the data will then help inform us about the needs and wishes of our veteran community.

"This could be a new memorial to honour contemporary service, a living and interactive memorial space that veterans and their families can use, or other ideas."

The survey will be open for another two weeks and closes on Sunday 9 June.

Visit www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/survey

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