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## **Australia's CA Clinics Welcomes Royal Commission on Veteran Suicide and Continues Vet Support Through DVA-Backed Medicinal Cannabis Program**

Australia's first medicinal cannabis network [CA Clinics](#) wholeheartedly welcomes Prime Minister Scott Morrison's announcement of a Royal Commission into suicide among Australia's veterans and serving Defence personnel.

CA Clinics is committed to supporting the mental and physical health of our veterans transitioning back into civilian life and continues its program to facilitate access for vet patients to DVA-funded medicinal cannabis.

Underscoring this is our clinic offerings being recently expanded to include a dedicated Rehabilitation Specialist. The intention is to improve access for suitable veteran patients to obtain DVA approvals in 4-6 weeks. **All doctor and product costs are anticipated to be covered by the DVA.**

CA Clinics is committed to better serving the needs of our returned servicemen and women with a faster, more streamlined and focused port of specialised care, backed by an Allied Health Team and full liaison with the patient's personal doctors.

**Dr Mark Hardy, Medical Director and Addiction Specialist at [CA Clinics](#) commented:** "CA Clinics welcomes the Australian government's Royal Commission into veteran suicide. Many of our vet patients suffer from physical and mental health issues such as PTSD. We take our role very seriously in carving a path to both alleviation of their suffering and prevention of escalation

to the point of suicide. The whole CA Clinics team is dedicated to improving health outcomes for those who have served our country by providing a team approach to chronic illness care”.

The [CA Clinics Observational study \(CACOS\)](#) research program is also exploring the impact of medicinal cannabis on chronic pain and PTSD in veterans.

**Dr John Barlow, Principal Researcher at Applied Cannabis Research says:** “It is of utmost importance to gather clinical evidence of the outcomes of medicinal cannabis therapy given to those suffering from PTSD. Such evidence will inform DVA on where medicinal cannabis fits into the range of available treatments for this, and other mental health conditions. Such recognition will be valuable in satisfying DVA funding requirements so that our returned servicemen and women suffering PTSD do not have to bear the cost of medicinal cannabis treatment, in suitable cases”.

**For healthcare professionals and interested veterans:**

For more details regarding the CACOS program or medical cannabis treatment pathways, please call CA Clinics at 1300 991 477 [info@caclinics.com.au](mailto:info@caclinics.com.au) and read about our [veteran health and research program](#) here.

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[CA Clinics](#) is the first pioneering network of medicinal cannabis clinics in Australia, helping patients with chronic conditions to access better health outcomes and improve their quality of life. Its focus on a wide offering of specialised healthcare professionals such as in oncology, pain, palliative care and rehab sets it apart from other medicinal cannabis clinics.

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