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Providing employment opportunities for Tasmanian veterans

The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to providing defence force veterans with employment opportunities across all levels and classifications of the Tasmanian State Service.

"Today, I'm proud to release our Veterans' Employment Strategy," Minister Barnett said.

"The Strategy includes a target to employ 100 new veterans in the Tasmanian State Service over the next four years.

"The Strategy has been developed in collaboration with the local veterans' community and public sector agencies as a commitment under the Supporting Our Veterans policy.

"This Strategy will identify employment opportunities within the Tasmanian State Service for our veterans.

"Gaining civilian employment provides veterans with a range of benefits including financial security, community engagement and increased wellbeing.

"With more than 17,500 veterans in Tasmania, around who are of working age, this Strategy is an important step in supporting our veterans.

"The approach to veteran employment in other states and territories has guided the development of the Strategy, which seeks to complement the support already provided to veterans and ex-service personnel when they separate from the Australian Defence Force.

"The Strategy has been developed in close consultation with the Veterans' Reference Group and we thank them for their generous insights, expertise and engagement," Minister Barnett said.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of our dedicated veterans and this Employment Strategy is another way we can support the veterans community.

For more information: <https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-policy-and-engagement/veterans>