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Supporting our ADF personnel and the veterans' community

The Tasmanian Government understands that current events unfolding in Afghanistan are distressing for many of our ADF personnel and the veterans' community.

These men and women have done us and their country proud, serving with courage and distinction in difficult and trying circumstances.

During the past 20 years Australia has been a steadfast contributor to the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan. Australia has fought alongside Coalition and Afghan partners to degrade the capabilities of terrorist organisations, including al-Qaeda.

More than 39,000 Australian Defence Force personnel have been deployed with 41 Australian servicemen losing their lives and more than 240 other personnel being wounded. We will never forget them or their sacrifice.

The health and well-being of our current and ex-serving members during this time are absolutely front and foremost and anyone who has served in Afghanistan is encouraged to reach out to available support services, as needed.

ADF personnel, veterans and their families can call the Australian Government's Open Arms 24 hours a day on 1800 011 046. Open Arms is Australia's leading provider of mental health assessment and counselling for Australian veterans and their families.

Support is also available through the Mental Health Services Helpline 24/7 on 1800 332 388, Lifeline on 13 11 14, or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467.