

***Are you an ex-serving Australian Defence Force member? Do you have a hearing loss?***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

**You are invited to take part in a research project**, entitled "Family Involvement in hearing rehabilitation: Improving the health and well-being of the Defence community."

The overall aim of the study is to learn more about what we can do to help improve hearing services for ex-Australian Defence Force members and their families.

Enclosed is a Participant Information Sheet, which describes the research project in detail. In essence, you will be required to **participate in a group discussion about hearing loss and hearing services with other ex-serving ADF members. We will also ask you to nominate a family member, or friend or carer you want to be part of the discussion.** The discussion will be held at a location convenient to you. We expect that the group discussion will take approximately 1-2 hours.

**All information you provide us will be completely confidential and any personal details, which may identify you in any way, will not be passed to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Your answers will not in any way affect any pension, benefits or health services which you are entitled to from DVA, or to which you may become entitled in the future. If you wish, you can discontinue your participation in this study at any time.**

**If you would like to participate in the study or would like to find out more information, please contact Dr Kyla Hudson:**

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**Many thanks for supporting this research, we really appreciate it!**