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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Save the Memorial at Tarin Kot

The National President Mr. Ken Foster calls on the Australian Government and the Department of Defence to reconsider the reported decision to destroy the memorial at Tarin Kot, Afghanistan.

This is not simply a concrete and steel wall; it has a soul, strengthened by every wreath laid, every salute, and every silent prayer.

It is a living reminder of the service and sacrifice of a generation of Australian service men and women.

Consider not only the financial cost; consider also the potential psychological cost to a generation of service men and women in destroying this symbol of their service and sacrifice.

It is a contradiction to destroy this memorial and then in the next few years erect memorials to commemorate the service of an earlier ANZAC generation, this is their memorial, paid for in blood, sweat and pain.

Australian Vietnam veterans, with the benefit of hindsight, would have brought the Long Tan cross home to Australia when the base at Nui Dat closed, don't make the same mistake now.

*For more information contact the National President on 0413 046 077.*

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