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RSL NSW REFORMS ENTER PARLIAMENT

The NSW Liberals & Nationals today introduced legislation to reform RSL NSW, restoring the heart of the iconic veterans' organisation and ensuring greater accountability to its members.

The measures, announced in May 2018, will empower each individual member of RSL NSW to vote for their new board of directors as part of representative voting reforms.

It will replace the current procedure of 352 NSW sub-branches each having one vote, to elect members of the governing body of the League in NSW, currently the State Council.

NSW Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said the reforms would enable RSL NSW to get back to its core business of supporting veterans and their families.

"It has been a challenging time for RSL NSW. These reforms will ensure power returns to the branch members across the state and corporate governance is improved," Mr Elliott said.

"This legislation will build on the positive work over the past year by RSL NSW State Council as well as address the recommendations of the Bergin Review into the League's charitable fundraising activities."

The amendments to the *Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) Incorporation Act 1935* will:

- Establish a board with a minimum of three and maximum of ten directors, including at least one independent director;
- Introduce a representative voting system where each member has one vote;
- Ensure directors disclose any financial interests;
- Enables remuneration of directors; and
- Ensure RSL NSW tables an annual report to the NSW Parliament.

"These reforms will ensure the people leading RSL NSW are voted in by the members and act for the members," Mr Elliott said.

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