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**The Hon Dan Tehan MP**  
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Dear Minister Tehan,

*Dan*

I write to you in regards to recent reports of abusive social media monitoring and internet use of claimants of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Reports veterans and ex-service personnel have their internet use and social media monitored to further substantiate their claims through the Department has rightly concerned veterans, ex-service personnel and the wider Defence community. These reports have only exacerbated overwhelming feelings of the claims process which many find extremely difficult.

Labor asks that this matter be investigated notwithstanding the current inquiry to ensure those who are seeking claims through the DVA can do so with the upmost confidence.

I would appreciate it if you could investigate the issues I have raised above.

Yours sincerely

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