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Dear Mr James,

This letter is to advise you of my decision on the disability pension claim you lodged on 23 September 2015.

DECISION

I have decided that Posttraumatic Stress Disorder is not related to service.
I have accepted your application for increased disability pension.
Disability pension is increased to 60% of the General Rate with effect from 23 September 2015.

The enclosed "Reasons for Decision" explains how I arrived at my decision.

Payment of Pension

Advice about your regular pension payments and any arrears payable will be forwarded separately.

Your Obligations

The *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* requires you to advise this office of certain events or changes that may have an effect on your pension payable or treatment benefits.

You must tell the Department **within 21 days** if:

- You claim, receive or become entitled to receive any payment, compensation or damages from another source for your service related incapacity; or
- You change your address or leave Australia.

Right of Appeal

If you are not satisfied with any part of my decision you can ask the Veterans' Review Board to review your case. Your application for review must be in writing, and must be sent to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Your application for review may also be lodged online through MyAccount or the DVA website (www.dva.gov.au).

For any matter relating to whether a disability was service related your application for review can be lodged within **12 months** of receiving this decision, but should be lodged within **3 months** to gain maximum benefit. If you wish the VRB to review the part of my decision relating to your rate of pension you must lodge your application within **3 months** of receiving this decision.

Further information is available in the fact sheet – *Rights of review in respect of a decision on your claim for compensation and entitlements – DP84*. Information on obtaining fact sheets is contained in the enclosed "Information Leaflet".

Help Available

A copy of this decision and the reasons for it, including a copy of the full combined impairment assessment report, have been forwarded to your representative, Greensborough RSL.

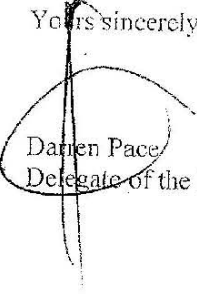
To request a specific fact sheet or for assistance with any matter to do with the payment of pension or allowances please telephone this office on 133 254.

If you require further information concerning my decision please contact me on

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Non-metropolitan callers can also contact the department on freecall number, 1800 555 254.

Yours sincerely,


Damien Pace
Delegate of the Repatriation Commission