



**SHOULD VETERANS BE CONSIDERED AS
A SPECIAL POPULATION?**

HOW CAN SOCIETY BEST SERVE THEM?

LAW COMMISSION

- 1. As New Zealanders, veterans are entitled to all of the benefits, allowances and assistance to which every other New Zealander is entitled.
- 2. Veterans who have suffered as a result of being put in harm's way deserve to be recompensed over and above the entitlements of ordinary citizens.





Imagine being close to this explosion



HMNZS ROTOITI was sent to watch the British Nuclear Tests
at Christmas Island



Iroquois helicopters were used in Vietnam to ferry troops and stores.
Ground Forces and Aircrew were exposed to Agent Orange.

BARRIERS

- Lack of knowledge of the legislation
- Dislike of “Charity”
- Pride
- Not wanting to be a bother
- Psychological problems
- Inability to complete application forms
- Never been to a Doctor

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Easier access to War Disablement Pensions
- Better information to the general public about the pensions and allowances available under the War Pensions Act
- Census question about service in the NZ forces to provide a statistical basis for future assistance
- Public support for the Law Commission's second principle:

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