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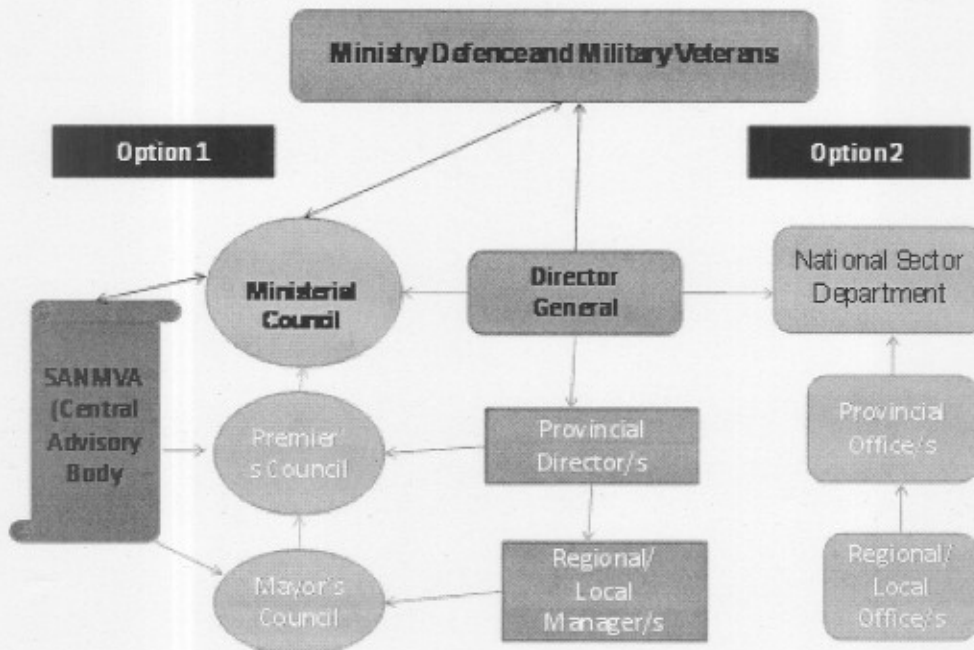
**DRAFT PROPOSAL**  
**MILITARY VETERANS – THE STRUCTURE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The challenges facing the integration of Military Veterans in South Africa are complicated and not easy to resolve. However, despite the many challenges, it is clear that Government is committed to the plight of Military Veterans, as was made evident by the creation of the Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans.

In support of Government's efforts, the following structure should be considered and debated.

**2. PROPOSED STRUCTURE**





## **2.1 Option 1**

Option 1 proposes a Ministerial Council at national level, with Premier's and Mayor's Councils at provincial and local level. The South African National Military Veterans Association (SANMVA) will act as Central Advisory Board at all levels. The Accounting Officer at national level will be a Director General, with Provincial Directors at provincial level and regional/local managers at local level.

The advantage of this option is that it creates a broader scope of participation as well as decentralised decision making. The disadvantages are longer and delayed decision making that should take into consideration local choices and dynamics.

## **2.2 Option 2**

Option 2 proposes a totally independent national department that functions independently. Offices will be established at national, provincial and local level. The Director General will be the Accounting Officer.