

SAPPER JAMIE LARCOMBE

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Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:41): I, too, rise today to give my condolences to the Larcombe family and their friends, and to pay tribute to the service of Jamie Larcombe and the fact that he made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and for this country's freedoms. I do so as the brother of a former soldier who served for 23 years, and who served in Rwanda and Iraq. I was fortunate and could welcome my brother home.

It is very tough seeing people go away, but it is much tougher to have to welcome Jamie back to Australia in the way Jamie's family and friends will be doing. Our hearts and minds are with you, our thoughts are with you and our prayers are with you. May you forever be proud of your son's service.