

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 31 October 1997 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations, each special Australian Defence Force activity (being non-warlike operations) occurring on or after 14 February 1975 as is specified by the Chief of the Defence Force for the purposes of this declaration to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of those Regulations; and
- (c) **determine** under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for the award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS' ("the Medal") in respect of each such operation are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period which is not less than the minimum qualifying period specified by the Chief of the Defence Force in relation to the operation;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* which is not less than the minimum qualifying period specified by the Chief of the Defence in relation to the operation, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS';

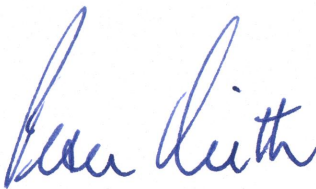
- (iii) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraph (c)(i) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *prescribed operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal for service:
 - (i) during the same period in which that member renders service attracting a separate award of the Australian Active Service Medal or Australian Service Medal; or
 - (ii) where a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS' has been awarded.

Dated *8th June* 2001



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



PETER REITH
Minister for Defence