



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, We instituted an Australian medal, designated and styled the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, for the purpose of according recognition to persons who have given humanitarian service in hazardous circumstances outside Australia:

AND WHEREAS the Letters Patent ordained that the award of the medal be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 8 April 2005 given under the Great Seal of Australia, We extended the eligibility for the medal to accord recognition to persons who have given, or gave, humanitarian service as part of the relief efforts following the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004, the related earthquake that struck Nias Island on 28 March 2005, and certain other natural disasters:

AND WHEREAS the Letters Patent dated 8 April 2005 ordained that the award of the medal to persons involved in those relief efforts be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule to those Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 31 March 2006 given under the Great Seal of Australia, the Letters Patent dated 8 April 2005 were amended to amend the Regulations set out in the Schedule to those Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to make new regulations to govern the award of the medal:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our Pleasure that:

- (a) the Regulations set out in the Schedules to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 and 8 April 2005, as amended, are revoked, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder; and
- (b) the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, or a clasp to the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, is governed by the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations 2011 set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St James's
on 23rd October 2011

By Her Majesty's Command

Prime Minister