



**Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

30 July 2025

Honorary Appointment - General Division - August 2025

**The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment in the
Order of Australia:**

HONORARY COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Singapore

For eminent service to the Australia-Singapore bilateral relationship.

By Her Excellency's Command

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Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Throughout his 40 year political career, and particularly as Prime Minister of Singapore from 2004 to 2024, Mr Lee has made significant contributions to advancing Australia-Singapore relations. He has been a strong and influential advocate for closer ties between our two countries and has consistently driven agreements and initiatives which encourage stronger and mutually beneficial relationships.

During his term as Prime Minister, our economic relationship grew enormously and Singapore is now our largest trade partner and investor in Southeast Asia. He oversaw and was a key driver behind six revisions of the Free Trade Agreement, to keep it not just up to date, but to anticipate change through new technologies and supply chain vulnerabilities. He also oversaw development of the 2015 Australia-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) which was a breakthrough for Australia's partnership with Singapore and a foundation for the next phase of the partnership.

Mr Lee actively welcomed and supported defence and security partnerships between our two countries which have contributed to regional peace and security. He has advocated strongly for Australia's and our inclusion in key regional forums and has been a consistent and strong supporter of Australian involvement.

Mr Lee's eminent service to the Australia-Singapore bilateral relationship is thoroughly worthy of formal national recognition with an appointment as an Honorary Companion (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.