

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA****DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 REGULATIONS**

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence hereby:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 26 June 1996 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations that non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in, namely participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve that commenced on 2 July 1955 and ended on 31 October 1971, and during such periods as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve, to be a *declared operation* for the purpose of the Regulations; and
- (c) **determine** under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Clasp 'FESR' ("the Medal") for the *declared operation* are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *declared operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

- (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
 - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
 - (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii) or (c)(iv) 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 *declared 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 member of the Australian Defence Force is not eligible for an award of the Medal where:
- (i) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SE ASIA' has been awarded; or
 - (ii) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA' has been awarded.

Dated 23rd March 2001



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



PETER REITH
Minister for Defence