

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL REGULATION 2012

- 1, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012 contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 22 May 2012 ("the Regulations"), on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, hereby:
- (a) declare, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the following operations in which persons rendered service, to be a declared operation for the purposes of the Regulations;
 - (i) Operation FALCONER that commenced on 18 March 2003 and ended on 22 July 2003 in the specified areas comprising the following:

38°00' North Latitude, 68°00' East Longitude 38°00' North Latitude, 32°00' East Longitude 10°00' North Latitude, 32°00' East Longitude 10°00' North Latitude, 68°00' East Longitude;

- (ii) Operation CATALYST that commenced on 16 July 2003 and ended on 31 July 2009 in the area comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, internal waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia north of 23 degrees North latitude, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz;
- (b) determine, under regulation 4 of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Operational Service Medal (Civilian) with Clasp 'IRAQ 2003' ("the Medal") for that declared operation are that:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a civilian, as defined under regulation 2 of the Regulations, who was employed for duty as such a person of the declared operation for a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days;

AND PROVIDED THAT where a person does not complete the *prescribed* period for the award of the Medal required by subparagraph b(i) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the person will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed* period;

(c) determine, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to another Australian medal for the same deployment.

Dated

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By Her Excellency's Command

DAVID FEENEY

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence