



**Australian Government**

**Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal**

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## **INQUIRY INTO RECOGNITION OF SERVICE WITH OPERATION GATEWAY**

### **Terms of Reference**

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into and report on recognition for members of the Australian Defence Force who served with Operation GATEWAY.

In particular the Tribunal is to examine the Defence policy on the granting of an award where more than one operation is involved, in relation to service in South East Asia between 1945 and the present, while considering the nature and context of this service in relation to the criteria for an Australian Service Medal.

The Tribunal is to determine its own procedures, in accordance with the general principles of procedural fairness, when conducting its inquiry as set out in these Terms of Reference. In this regard the Tribunal may interview such persons as it considers appropriate and consider material provided to it that is relevant to these Terms of Reference.

The Tribunal is to report, in writing, to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence on the findings and recommendations that arise from the inquiry.

In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal is to arrive at a fair and sustainable response to current and future claims for recognition. It is to maintain the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on Friday 3 June 2011.