



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Inquiry into recognition for Defence Force personnel who served as peacekeepers from 1947 onwards

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on recognition for Defence Force personnel who served as peacekeepers from 1947 to the present.

In particular the Tribunal is to:

- a) examine the relevant evidence and consider the nature and context of peacekeeping service in relation to the criteria for Australian awards;
- b) consider the adequacy of current honours and awards policy and forms of recognition for Defence Force peacekeepers;
- c) consider the claims of Defence Force members for separate additional recognition of peacekeeping service;
- d) consider the possible impact of additional recognition for Defence Force peacekeeping service on the recognition of other Australian Government peacekeeping service such as Australian Federal Police peacekeeping service;
- e) make a determination as to the merits or otherwise of further medallic recognition for Defence Force peacekeepers

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 Support 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 Monday, 21 December 2009.