



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Inquiry into recognition of Service with the Commonwealth Monitoring Force – Rhodesia 1979-80

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on recognition for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who served with the Commonwealth Monitoring Force in Rhodesia between December 1979 and March 1980.

In particular the Tribunal is to:

- a) examine the sufficiency of the award of the Rhodesia Medal as recognition for the members;
- b) examine the relevant evidence and consider the nature and context of the service in relation to the criteria for Australian awards, particularly whether it is appropriate that an Australian recognition be awarded additionally to the Rhodesia Medal;
- c) consider whether any anomalies exist in regard to recognition of service in Rhodesia .

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 Friday, 13 August 2010.