



Australian Government

Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal

INQUIRY INTO UNIT RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE AT THE BATTLES OF FIRE SUPPORT BASES CORAL AND BALMORAL

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into and report on recognition for Australian units that served at the Battles of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral in Vietnam in 1968.

In particular, the Tribunal is to examine relevant evidence and consider whether it is appropriate that any Australian military units who participated in those battles be awarded an Australian unit decoration, or a further or other form of recognition for service in those battles between 12 May and 6 June 1968.

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 Minister for Defence Personnel on the findings and recommendations that arise from the inquiry.

In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal 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 16 June 2017.