



Australian Government

Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal

INQUIRY INTO UNIT RECOGNITION FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY HELICOPTER FLIGHT VIETNAM

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into and report on unit recognition for the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight Vietnam (the RANHFV).

In particular, the Tribunal is to examine relevant evidence and consider whether it is appropriate that the RANHFV be awarded an Australian unit decoration or another form of recognition for its service in South Vietnam from October 1967 to June 1971.

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.