



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Inquiry into Recognition of Australian Defence Force Service for Special Air Service Regiment Counter Terrorist and Special Recovery Duties

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal will inquire into and report on recognition of Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) Counter Terrorist (CT) and Special Recovery (SR) Duties.

In conducting its inquiry the Tribunal shall:

- (a) consider existing Australian Defence honours and awards that may be available to provide recognition for CT and SR service;
- (b) examine relevant material and submissions and make findings on whether any changes should be made to the eligibility criteria of such honours and awards;
- (c) consider the appropriateness of establishing other recognition for CT and SR military service; and
- (d) consider the impact of such findings on recognition for other Australian Defence Force service.

The Tribunal is to report to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support on its findings in regard to the above and any recommendations that arise from the inquiry.

In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal is required to maintain the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

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.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on Monday 18 May 2009.