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## Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

### **Inquiry into recognition of Service with the Task Group Medical Support Element One in 1990-91**

#### **Terms of Reference**

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on recognition for members of the Australian Defence Force who served with the Task Group Medical Support Element One on board United States Naval Ship Comfort in 1990-91.

In particular the Tribunal is to examine whether the service was such as to warrant the award of the Australian Active Service Medal.

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, 23 August 2010.