Australian Government

Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal

INQUIRY INTO RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE WHO ARE INJURED, WOUNDED OR KILLED IN OR AS A RESULT OF SERVICE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into and report on recognition for members and families of members of the Australian Defence Force who are injured, wounded or killed in or as a result of service.

In particular, the Tribunal is to seek and receive submissions and consider whether it is appropriate that members of the Australian Defence Force who are injured, wounded or killed in or as a result of service, or their families, receive an Australian honour or award, or another form of recognition for that service.

The Tribunal is to consult broadly in conducting this inquiry, and is otherwise to determine its own procedures. The Tribunal may conduct its own research, consult with and interview individuals and organisations it considers appropriate in public or in private, and consider material provided to it that is relevant to the 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 have regard to the integrity of the Australian honours and awards system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system. The Tribunal may make any recommendation it considers appropriate, that arises from the inquiry.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on 31 March 2021.