



## **Australian Government**

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### **Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal**

## **INQUIRY INTO MEDALLIC RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH**

### **Terms of Reference**

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into issues pertaining to medallic recognition for service with Rifle Company Butterworth.

Specifically, the Tribunal is to have regard to the New Zealand Government's recent decision to extend eligibility for the New Zealand Operational Service Medal to a larger proportion of members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served in Malaysia and Singapore between 1959 and 1974. The Tribunal is to consider whether this decision should bring about any change to Australian medallic recognition for service with Rifle Company Butterworth between 1970 and 1989, including whether that service should be recognised with an 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 conduct its own research, interview such persons as it considers appropriate and consider material 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 have regard to the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact or make any finding or recommendation upon that system.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on 1 July 2022.