



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

It is notified for general information that Her Majesty The Queen has approved amendments to the Constitution of the Order of Australia, as detailed in the following Letters Patent and Schedule of amendments.

Elizabeth R



ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, We established a society of honour known as the "Order of Australia" and made provision with respect to the membership and the Constitution of the Order;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments be made to the Constitution of the Order;

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, as subsequently amended by Our Letters Patent, be further amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done under them, as set out in the Schedule;

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of  
Australia at Our Court at  
St James's on 10 September 2016

By Her Majesty's Command

A stylized signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial letter followed by several smaller, connected strokes.

*Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister*

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## Schedule—Amendments

### *Constitution of the Order of Australia*

#### 1 Paragraph 5(a)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(a) consider the following nominations:

- (i) nominations of Australian citizens for membership of the Order through appointment to the Order in the General Division or award of the Medal of the Order in the General Division;
- (ii) nominations of permanent residents for honorary membership of the Order through appointment to the Order in the General Division or award of the Medal of the Order in the General Division; and

#### 2 Section 14

Omit “30”, substitute “35”.

#### 3 Section 16

Omit “125”, substitute “140”.

#### 4 Section 18

Omit “300”, substitute “340”.

#### 5 Section 19

Repeal the section, substitute:

##### Nominations

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- (1) Any person or organisation may submit a nomination mentioned in paragraph 5(a) to the Secretary of the Order for consideration by the Council.
  - (2) Upon the recommendation of the Prime Minister, the Governor-General may make persons (other than Australian citizens or permanent residents) honorary members of the Order through appointment to the Order in the General Division or award of the Medal of the Order in the General Division.

#### 6 At the end of the Constitution

Add:

##### Definitions

31 In this Constitution:

*Australian citizen* has the meaning given by the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

*permanent resident* has the meaning given by the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.