



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Government House
Canberra ACT 2600
16 April 2018

Constitution of the Order of Australia - Amendments 2018

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 of Patent and Schedule of Amendments.

By Her Majesty's Command

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Fraser'.

Mark Fraser LVO OAM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General



Elizabeth II

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 16 April 2018

By Her Majesty's Command


Prime Minister

Schedule-Amendments

Constitution of the Order of Australia

1 Section 14

After "may", insert", in any calendar year,".

2 Section 14

Omit "35 persons in any calendar year", substitute, "the number of persons prescribed by Ordinance".

3 Section 16

After "may", insert", in any calendar year,".

4 Section 16

Omit "140 persons in any calendar year", substitute, "the number of persons prescribed by Ordinance".

5 Section 18

After "may", insert", in any calendar year,".

6 Section 18

Omit "340 persons in any calendar year", substitute, "the number of persons prescribed by Ordinance".

7 Section 30

After "all matters", insert "(other than matters that may be prescribed under section 30A)".

8 After section 30 (before the heading "Definitions")

Insert:

- 30A The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, make Ordinances prescribing the number of persons who may, in any calendar year, be appointed to be Companions, Officers or Members in the General Division (other than honorary Companions, Officers or Members).