



Elizabeth II

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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 15 January 1991 given under the Great Seal of Australia, We instituted three Australian decorations, to be designated and styled, respectively, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Commendation for Distinguished Service, for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for distinguished command and leadership in action or distinguished leadership in action or distinguished performance of their duties in warlike operations:

AND WHEREAS the Letters Patent ordained that the award of the decorations be governed by the Distinguished Service Decorations Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments of the Regulations be made so that the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded, respectively, for distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations and distinguished leadership in warlike operations:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the Letters Patent dated 15 January 1991 be 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 13 December 2011.

By Her Majesty's Command

Julia Gillard
Prime Minister