

THE DEFENCE LEGAL SERVICE
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 5 DEC 01

COMMITTEE DECISION 91/01

Subject: Policy – Review of the Relationship between the Graduate Diploma of Military Law and the Master of Military Law as well as the relationship between the Master of Military Law and a Master of Law

The Committee noted:

1. The verbal brief and written briefing material dated 3 Dec 01 provided by LTCOL Paul Muggleton, A/DMLC.
2. Melbourne University has been asked to advise its formal position regarding:
 - a. Whether the four subjects required to be undertaken to complete Legal Training Module 2 can be rolled over and credited towards a Master of Military Law; and
 - b. The circumstances in which an ADF legal officer is awarded a Master of Military Law and a Master of Law.
3. A meeting is to take place on 6 Dec 01 at Melbourne University to formally decide these issues.
4. The recommendations that DMLC brief the CPDC on the results of the Melbourne University meeting and that, in the light of the University's views, the CPDC review the current legal training requirements.

The Committee decided:

1. To **agree** that it was undesirable for there to be a hierarchy of degrees with the Master of Military Law regarded as a lesser degree than the Master of Law.
2. To **agree** to await the result of the re-assessment of Legal Officers' Professional Development as required by the Committee's Decision 72/01 before making any decision concerning current legal training requirements.

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