



THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY MP Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

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REPLACEMENT MEDALS POLICY RELAXED FOR MEDALS LOST IN THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES AND QUEENSLAND FLOODS

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, today announced the Government is relaxing the replacement of Australian Defence Force (ADF) medals policy so that any medals lost during the devastating Victorian bushfires and Queensland floods can be replaced.

“The policy does not presently allow ADF medals to be replaced and released to family members, but given these difficult circumstances I have agreed to relax this policy,” Dr Kelly said.

“All Australians are deeply moved and affected by these disasters and it is fitting that victims are extended every possible assistance to help them restore what little they can.

“This offer demonstrates that Defence can not only assist by providing people and equipment in the affected areas themselves, but also help in other ways at a more personal level.

“Family members who have, through the devastating bushfires and floods, lost the medals of loved ones who served in the Defence Force may now make application for replacements.

“They should use the application form and statutory declaration located on the Defence Honours and Awards website,” Dr Kelly said.

The Defence Honours and Awards website is at: www.defence.gov.au/medals

Enquiries may also be directed to Defence Honours and Awards toll free on 1800 111 321.

Completed applications should be submitted to:

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