



## DEFENCE (INQUIRY) REGULATIONS

### CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

### INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT COUNSEL ASSISTING

On 28 March 2008, I, Air Chief Marshal Allan Grant Houston, AC, AFC, Chief of the Defence Force, appointed a Commission of Inquiry constituted by the Honourable Terence Rhoderic Hudson Cole, AO, RFD, QC to inquire into and report upon circumstances associated with the loss of HMAS SYDNEY (II) in November 1941 and consequent loss of life and related events subsequent thereto.

Pursuant to Regulation 51 of the Defence (Inquiry) Regulations 1985, I appoint the following Legal Practitioners as counsel assisting this inquiry:

Commander John Rush M8073645, RANR QC (as lead counsel assisting);

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**A.G. HOUSTON, AC, AFC**  
Air Chief Marshal  
Chief of the Defence Force

Appointing Authority

(1 April 2008