

# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The main purpose of Parts One and Two of this report was to determine the facts and circumstances that fall within the scope of the terms of reference.<sup>1</sup> Recommendations were made about particular matters in the light of those facts and circumstances.<sup>2</sup> Drawing lessons from other aspects of this Commission of Inquiry and the making of recommendations, where appropriate, remain. Since the delivery of Parts One and Two the Chief of the Defence Force and the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade have drawn attention to various topics that might be the subject of consideration in this part of the report.
- 1.2 The fundamental fact is that a good deal of poor behaviour took place during HMAS *Success*'s Asian deployment from March to May 2009, with little restraint from the chain of command, from petty officers up. The poor behaviour had various causes, but much of it was the result of a lack of effective discipline. That question needs further consideration. In addition, the conduct of the various kinds of inquiry that eventuated, including this Commission of Inquiry, warrants further consideration.
- 1.3 A plethora of previous inquiries and reports, a large number of statutory and Defence instruments of various kinds, and a number of submissions deal with or touch on matters relevant to this part of the report. Some matters are the subject of current or recently completed consideration by others. The evidence this Commission gathered in relation to the *Success* deployment and its aftermath must be understood in this wider context.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the instrument of Appointment is at Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> For ease of reference a copy of the executive summary for Part One is presented here as Appendix B and a copy of the executive summary for Part Two is presented as Appendix C.

