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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain conditions for the award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SOLOMON IS II', as detailed in the following Declaration and Determination:

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA****DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS**

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the non-warlike activity, Operation 'Anode' in which members of the Australian Defence Force are engaged, in the area comprising the total land area, territorial waters and superjacent airspace of the Solomon Islands that commenced on 24 July 2003 to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations; and
- (b) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SOLOMON IS II' ("the Medal") for the *prescribed operation* are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or formally attached as a serving member of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of a foreign Defence Force element of the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force and while the member was on an approved Australian Third Country Deployment;
 - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the *prescribed operation*, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;

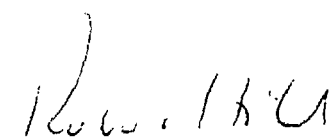
- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
- (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii) or b(iii) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *prescribed operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

Dated 12 November 2003



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



ROBERT HILL
Minister for Defence