



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SECTION 61 *COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION ACT*

INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

I, the Honourable Richard Marles MP, Minister for Defence, pursuant to my power under section 61 of the Constitution:

1. **Authorise** an official in the Department of Defence who is from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of a position listed in the table (the officials) to approve (in whole or part) a claim for payment under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration Scheme (the CDDA Scheme), up to the limit listed for the position in the table and subject to any condition set out in paragraph 4 below.

Position	Limit for payment
Secretary	The limit of funds available
Chief Counsel	\$1,000,000
First Assistant Secretary People Policy and Culture	\$1,000,000
General Counsel - Commercial	\$500,000
General Counsel – Defence	
General Counsel – Dispute Resolution and Litigation	
Director General Military Legal Service	
Director Employment Law and Discretionary Claims	\$100,000
An Executive Level 1 Legal Officer in the Directorate of Employment Law and Discretionary Claims	\$50,000

2. **Authorise** the officials to refuse a claim of any value.

3. **Direct** that officials acting for and on my behalf as authorised in this Instrument have regard to Resource Management Guide No.409, issued by the Department of Finance in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), together with other relevant guidance issued under the PGPA Act.
4. **Direct** that the official from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of First Assistant Secretary People Policy and Culture may only exercise this authority at the request of the Chief Counsel.
5. **Revoke** all previous authorisations in force in relation to the CDDA Scheme.

Note

1. A Defence official exercising a power conferred by this Instrument of Authorisation is also exercising the power under section 23 of the PGPA Act.

Dated 26th August 2022



Minister for Defence