



Media and Strategic Communication Summary

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON

25-26 AUGUST 2025

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Annex A – Media Release

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**THE HON RICHARD MARLES MP**

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

MEDIA RELEASE**TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles will travel to the United States this week.

In Washington DC, the Deputy Prime Minister will meet with Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, and other senior Administration officials.

The Deputy Prime Minister will also participate in several defence industry engagements.

The Alliance between Australia and the United States is built on an enduring foundation of trust, a long record of collaboration, and a shared vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Richard Marles MP:

“I was pleased to speak with Secretary Hegseth at the Shangri La Dialogue in May, and welcome the opportunity in Washington to build on our valuable discussions of shared defence and security matters.”

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“Given the shared challenges we face in our region, I look forward to reaffirming our commitment to the Alliance and advancing our strong partnership, including through AUKUS.”

DAY AUGUST 2025**MEDIA NOTE:**

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Annex B – Talking Points

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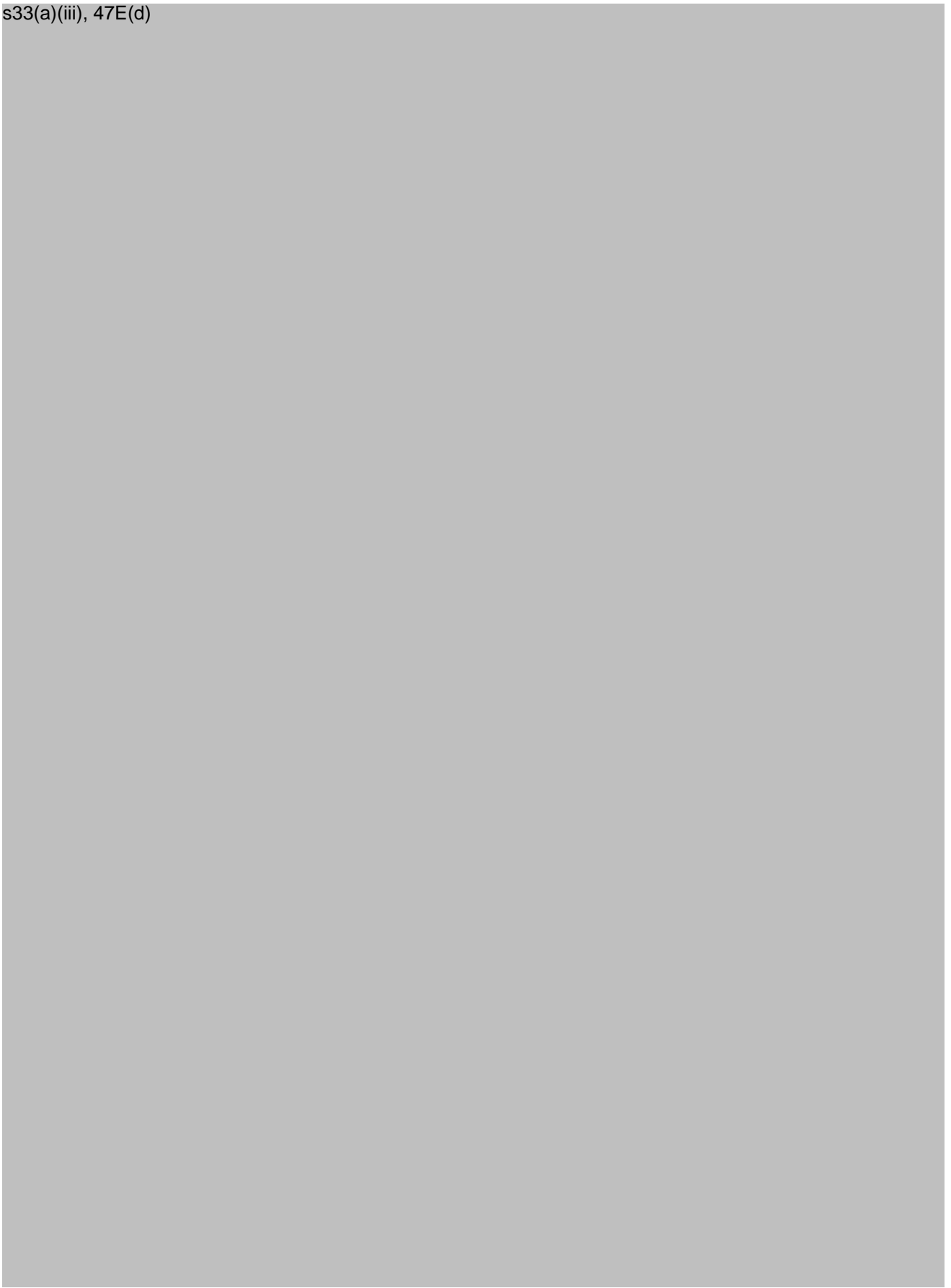


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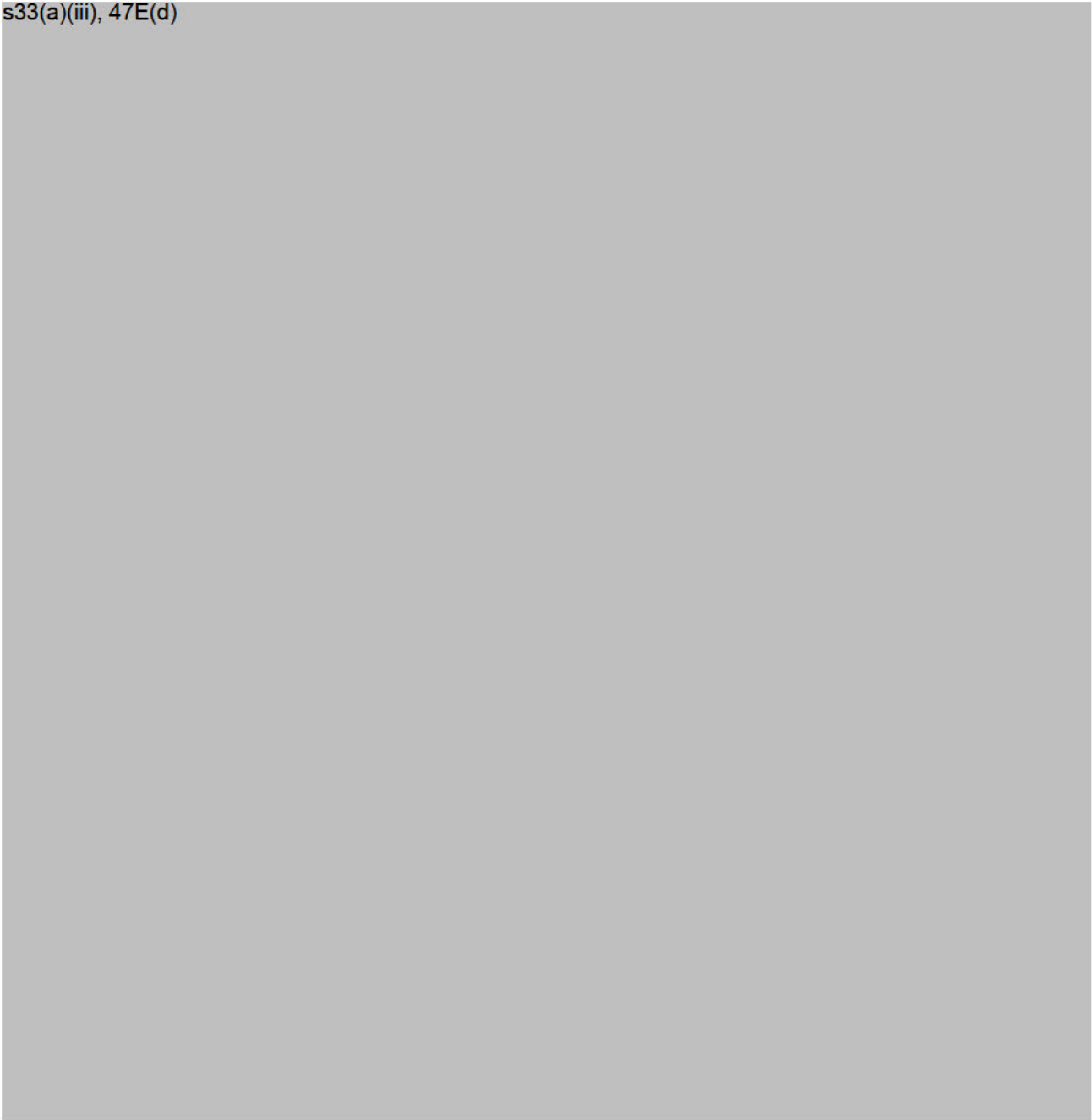
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Annex D – Social Media Plan

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Annex D – Imagery Mid-Caption

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, the Hon Richard Marles MP, travelled to the United States from 25 to 26 August 2025. While in the US, the Deputy Prime Minister met with US Vice President, JD Vance and US Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth as well as participating in several Defence Industry engagements. The Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed Australia's commitment to the Alliance and a shared vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.