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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, We established a society of honour known as the "Order of Australia" and made provision with respect to the membership and the Constitution of the Order;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments be made to the Constitution of the Order.

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, as subsequently amended by Our Letters Patent, be further amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done under them, as set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of  
Australia at Our Court at  
St James's on 19 March 2014

By Her Majesty's Command

*Prime Minister*

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## **Schedule—Amendment of the Constitution of the Order of Australia**

### **1 Subsection 1(3)**

After "as", insert "Knight or Dame,".

### **2 Subsection 2(1)**

Omit "Companion", substitute "Knight or Dame, as the case may be,".

### **3 Paragraph 5(a)**

After "to the Order", insert "as Companion, Officer or Member".

### **4 After heading before section 9**

Insert

- 8A Appointments (including honorary appointments) to the Order as Knight or Dame shall be made, with the approval of the Sovereign on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, by Instrument signed by the Governor-General and sealed with the seal of the Order.

### **5 Section 9**

After "to the Order", insert "as Companion, Officer or Member".

### **6 After section 11**

Insert:

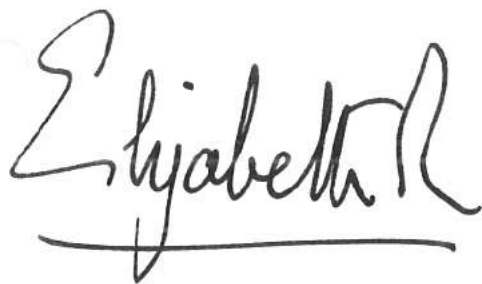
#### **ORDER OF AUSTRALIA—KNIGHTS AND DAMES IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

- 11A (1) Appointments as Knights or Dames, or honorary Knights or Dames, in the General Division shall be made for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to Australia or to humanity at large.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a distinguished person who is not an Australian citizen may be appointed as an honorary Knight or Dame in the General Division where it is desirable that the person be honoured by Australia.
- 11B The Governor-General may appoint to be Knights and Dames in the General Division, other than honorary Knights and Dames, not more than four persons in any calendar year.

### **7 After subsection 19(1)**

Insert:

- (1A) Subsection (1) does not apply to appointments to the Order as Knight or Dame.
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AND WHEREAS it is desirable that His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, be a Knight of the Order and have precedence in the Order immediately after Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia;

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 14 March 1981, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales was made a Knight of the Order, and it is desirable that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales have precedence in the Order immediately after His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh;

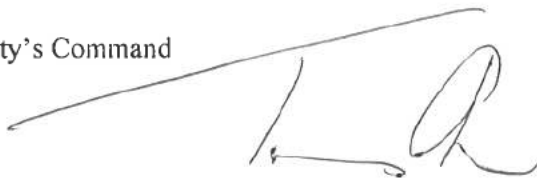
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St James's on

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*Prime Minister*





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AND WE DO further ordain that, despite the amendments set out in the Schedule, a person who was a member of the Order immediately before the issue of these Our Letters Patent shall, subject to the Constitution of the Order, remain a member of the Order in the class of membership that the person held at that time.

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## **Schedule—Amendments**

### ***Constitution of the Order of Australia***

#### **1 Subsection 1(3)**

Omit “Knight or Dame,”.

#### **2 Subsection 2(1)**

Omit “and the Principal Knight or Dame, as the case may be, in the General Division”.

#### **3 After subsection 2(1)**

Insert:

(1A) If the Governor-General is a Knight or a Dame in the General Division, the Governor-General shall be the Principal Knight or Dame in that Division.

(1B) If the Governor-General is not a Knight or a Dame in the General Division, the Governor-General shall be the Principal Companion in that Division.

#### **4 Subsection 2A(2)**

Omit “shall be a Knight in the General Division of the Order and”.

#### **5 Heading before section 11A**

Repeal the heading.

#### **6 Sections 11A and 11B**

Repeal the sections.



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Omit “shall be a Knight in the General Division of the Order and”.

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Repeal the heading.

#### **6 Sections 11A and 11B**

Repeal the sections.