



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS because of the death of our blessed and glorious Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Crown has solely and rightfully come to Prince Charles Philip Arthur George:

We, therefore, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and members of the Federal Executive Council, do now proclaim Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to be King Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Australia and his other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, and, with hearty and humble affection, we promise him faith and obedience:

May King Charles the Third have long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Canberra this eleventh day of September, Two thousand and twenty two, and in the first year of His Majesty's reign.



By His Excellency's Command

Anthony Albanese  
Prime Minister

David Hurley  
Governor-General



## PRIME MINISTER

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David Hurley  
Governor-General

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Secretary to the Executive Council

### Minute Paper for the Executive Council

#### Proclamation of King Charles the Third

*The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia*

Proclamation of King Charles the Third, by the Grace of  
God King of Australia and his other Realms and  
Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

Recommended for the approval of His Excellency the  
Governor-General in Council that he issue a proclamation  
in the attached form.

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Anthony Albanese  
Prime Minister

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. 325 of 2022 – Prime Minister

Subject - *The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia*

Proclamation of King Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of  
Australia and his other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

The proposed instrument would proclaim King Charles the Third to be King of Australia.

On the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Crown has come to Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.

On 9 September 2022 (GMT +01:00) the Accession Council convened at St. James's Palace, and gave orders for proclaiming the new Sovereign of the United Kingdom.

The Minute proposes the proclamation of Prince Charles Philip Arthur George as King Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Australia and his other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

By section 2 of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900* (Imp), the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia referring to Queen Victoria extend to Her Majesty's heirs and successors in the sovereignty of the United Kingdom.

The proposed proclamation is a wholly symbolic act, as the accession of His Majesty The King of Australia was immediate on the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

The Minute recommends that the proclamation be made in the form proposed.

Authority: *The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia*



## Australian Government

### Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

#### **Item 01:     Proclamation of King Charles the Third**

<b>Act</b>	The <i>Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900</i> (Imp) provides that the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia referring to Queen Victoria extend to Her Majesty's heirs and successors in the sovereignty of the United Kingdom.
<b>Sponsoring Minister</b>	Prime Minister
<b>Purpose</b>	To proclaim Prince Charles Philip Arthur George as King Charles the Third.
<b>Background</b>	<p>On 9 September 2022 the Accession Council convened at St James's Palace, and gave orders for proclaiming the new Sovereign of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>The proposed proclamation is a wholly symbolic act, as the accession of His Majesty The King of Australia was immediate on the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second.</p>
<b>Authority</b>	<i>The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.</i>
<b>Consultation</b>	Nil.
<b>Special Conditions</b>	Nil.

Please note, this brief was prepared by the Federal Executive Council Secretariat but should be read in conjunction with the accompanying documentation.

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