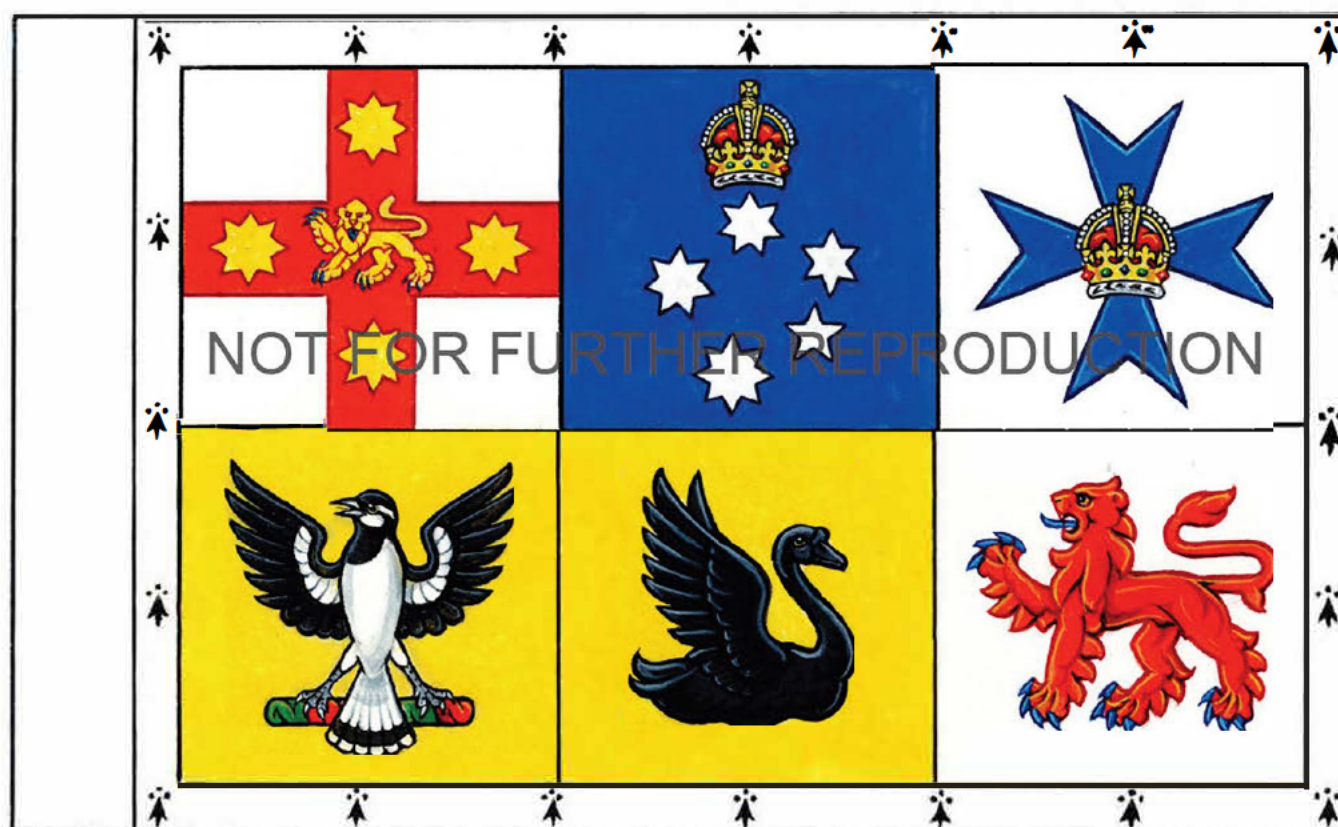
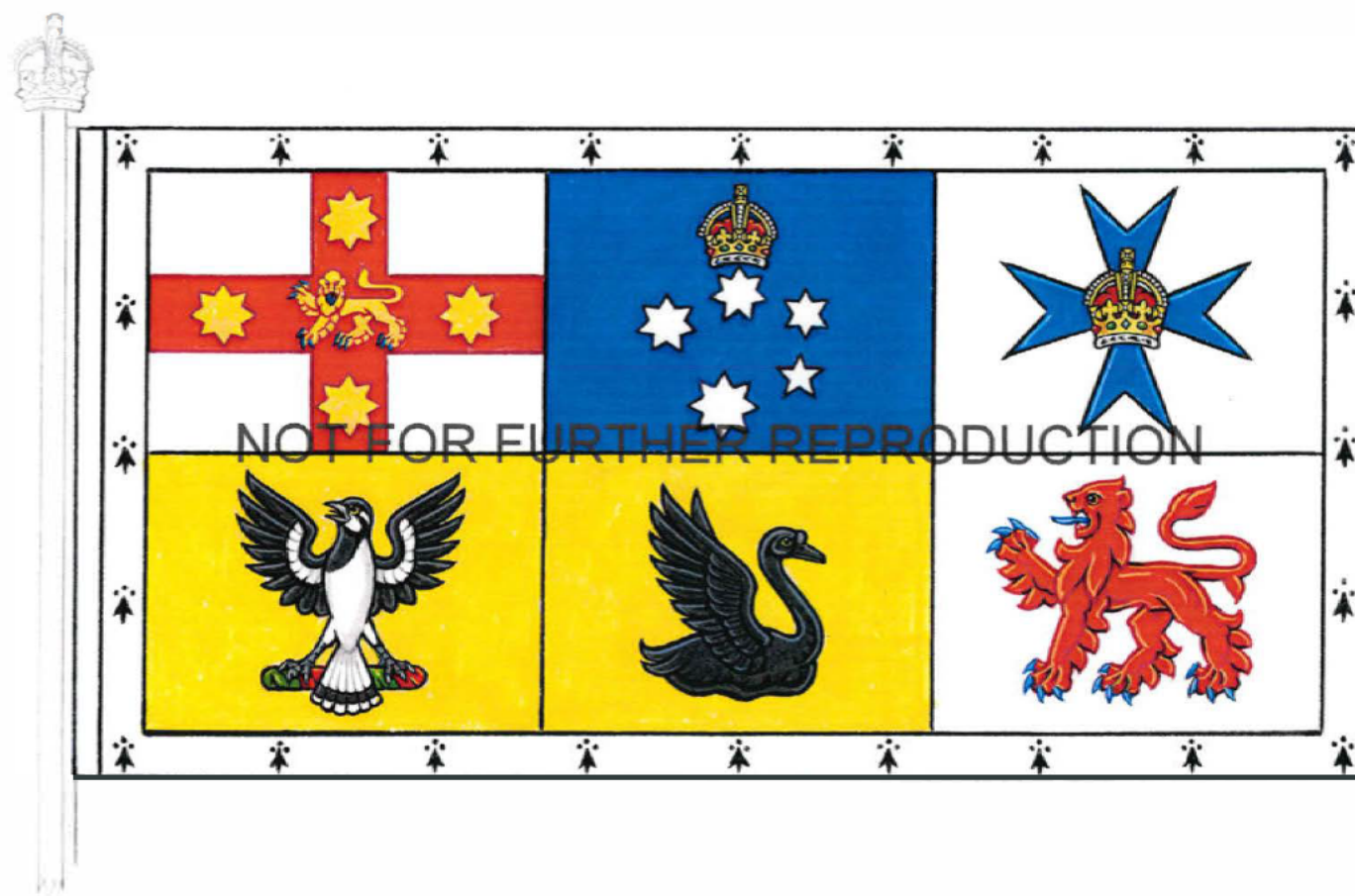






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HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S PERSONAL FLAG FOR AUSTRALIA

Prime Minister, we recommend you:	Through: Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
1. Agree to the prototype design of the “The King’s Personal Flag for Australia” (at Attachment A), for His Majesty The King’s use when in Australia, s 33(a)(iii) s 33(a)(iii) 2. s 33(a)(iii) s 22(1)(a)(ii) ANTHONY ALBANESE Date: 12/8/24 Comments:	

KEY POINTS

1. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has developed the prototype design at Attachment A for a “Personal Flag for The King in Australia”, s 33(a)(iii)
- s 33(a)(iii)
- a. This continues a tradition instituted by Queen Elizabeth II, who established a ‘personal flag’ in 1960 – featuring The Queen’s “Personal Device” which comprised the initial 'E' below the Royal crown, surrounded by a chaplet of roses – to mark her presence while travelling abroad in Commonwealth countries (see ‘Flag 1’ at Attachment C).

i. This flag was traditionally flown from all buildings, cars, boats or aircraft that The Queen was staying in or travelling on. It was personal to The Queen alone, and differed from the “Royal Standard” (‘Flag 3’ at Attachment C), which represents not only the Sovereign, but also the United Kingdom (UK).

b. In addition, Australia and some other realms, instituted country-specific personal flags for when The Queen visited. These generally incorporated each country's arms, along with The Queen's “Personal Device”. The Queen’s Personal Flag for Australia, which was first flown in 1963, also featured the Commonwealth Star (‘Flag 2’ at Attachment C).

2. s 33(a)(iii)

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3. The manufacture of these flags in Australia, once designs have been finalised, will be between six and eight weeks. s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii)

4. s 33(a)(iii)

5. s 33(a)(iii)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

s 33(a)(iii)

Consultation

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A

s 33(a)(iii)

ATTACHMENT B LETTER TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

ATTACHMENT C PERSONAL AND ROYAL FLAGS



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

12 AUG 2024

Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
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Your Excellency

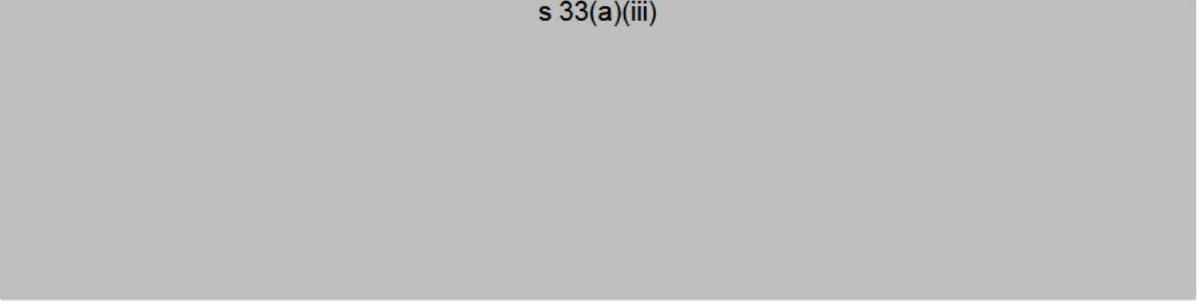
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As you may be aware, Queen Elizabeth II initiated The Queen's Personal Flag for Australia in 1963, to be flown in the same manner as the Royal Standard is flown in the United Kingdom, when The Queen visited Australia.

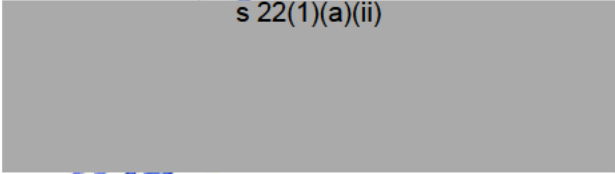
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Yours sincerely

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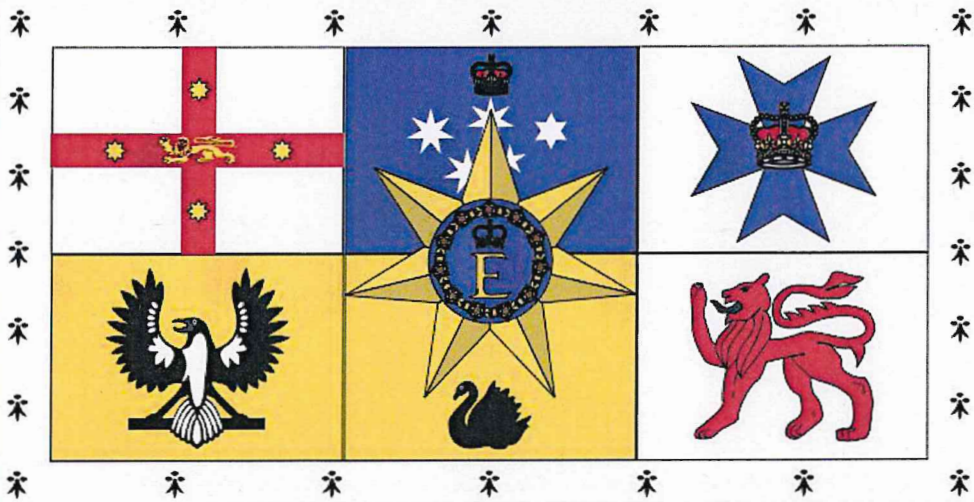
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ATTACHMENT C

FLAG 1 THE PERSONAL FLAG OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II



FLAG 2 THE PERSONAL FLAG OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II FOR AUSTRALIA



FLAG 3 THE ROYAL STANDARD

