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То:	Belgrove, David; Ananijevski, Branko
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Hi David and Branko

Please find attached two documents compiled by <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

- Great Seal (GS) minute paper from 1901.
- History of the preparation of GS from 1973.

## **Process**

- The process to request approval for a new GS would be for the Prime Minister to submit a design to the Governor-General. The Governor-General would then seek approval from The King.
- The 1973 GS was approved by Queen Elizabeth II and manufactured in Australia by the Royal Australian Mint (RAM).

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## 1901 Great Seal creation history

- In terms of the original 1901 Great Seal, historical records show that it was chosen via a public competition, approved by The Palace through the Governor-General and manufactured by the Royal Mint.
- This is confirmed in the Great Seal section in the Australian Symbols booklet (<u>https://www.pmc.gov.au/publications/australian-symbols-booklet/other-symbols-australia/great-seal-australia</u>) and the attached Minute paper.

## **Timeline of 1973 Great Seal of Australia Process**

- In 1973, the Australian Government updated the Great Seal to coincide with the enactment of the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1973* and change in Queen Elizabeth II Style and Titles for Australia.
- On 20 July 1973, an inter-departmental committee meeting was organised between PM&C, the Department of the Special Minister of State and the Office of Parliamentary Council to discuss the design of the new Great Seal and the wording of the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1973*. (**PDF page 57**)
- On 8 August 1973, the procedure was for the Prime Minister to confirm a preferred design and write to the Governor-General to seek Her Majesty's approval. Following approval the Royal Australian Mint was to undertake the cutting of the Seal over 3 to 4 weeks (**PDF pages 50 and 51**).
- On 20 September 1973, the then Secretary of PM&C confirmed the Prime Minister had

contacted The Palace for approval and the Royal Australian Mint was to prepare the Great Seal urgently following approval in time for the visit (**PDF page 27**).

• On 9 October 1973, the then GG confirmed Her Majesty's approval of the proposed Great Seal (**PDF page 9**).

Happy to discuss next steps further

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Hi<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> Branko – can we pls discuss the below.

Thanks David

From: McGregor, Leonie <<u>Leonie.McGregor@pmc.gov.au</u>> Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2024 9:52 AM To: Walter, Andrew <<u>Andrew.Walter@pmc.gov.au</u>>; Belgrove, David <<u>David.Belgrove@pmc.gov.au</u>> Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Andrew

As discussed briefly the other day, I think it would be appropriate to set in train the request for a

new Great Seal –

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Should we meet to discuss next steps?

Cheers Leonie

# **DESIGN BRIEF**

Product Developers	s 22(1)(a)(ii) and	s 22(1)(a)(ii) and S 22(1)(a)(ii) Contact Numbers S 22(1)(a)(ii) and S 22(1)(a)(iii)			
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			s 47E(d)		Completion of the new Great Seal ahead
	20/03/2024	Date for concepts		Date for finished seal	for The King's use on
Date brief supplied					the planned Royal
					visit of His Majesty
					King Charles III in
					October 2024.
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Please outline the specific components and function of the Great seal	The Great Seal is embossed onto documents to establish the authenticity of the documents, such as letters patent for Royal Commissions, to demonstrate the approval of the Commonwealth. The change in the embossing plate of the Great Seal is required to be updated following the accession of The King.			
Metal type	RAM to advise the technical specifications			
Diameter (mm)	RAM to advise the technical specifications			
Relief Specifications What are the parameters for relief heights, rim requirements etc.?	RAM to advise the technical specifications			
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Text to appear on the seal	s 47E(d)			
Packaging Please outline if packaging is required for the Great Seal (e.g. storage or display)	s 47E(d) Grateful for advice also on a presentation box or similar for presenting to the Governor-General for his use.			

### Information

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<b>Background</b> Please outline the history of The Great Seal and any supporting documentation and information	The Great Seal was first manufactured in 1901. In 1973, the Australian Government updated the Great Seal by Royal Warrant to coincide with the enactment of the Royal Style and Titles Act 1973 and the change in Queen Elizabeth II Style and Titles for Australia. Following design consultations and agreement by the Prime Minister, Governor-General and with Her Majesty's approval, the RAM was then endorsed to undertake the cutting of the Seal. The current design features the Coat of Arms of Australia, beneath the words Elizabeth the Second and above the words Queen of Australia. Upon the then monarch's death and the accession of His Majesty King Charles III to the Australian throne, the Governor-General approved the continued use of this seal, pending the approval of a new one by The King. The authorisation can be found at <u>The continued use of The Great</u> <u>Seal of Australia authorised for use by Royal Warrant of 19 October 1973 (pmc.gov.au)</u>
Design tone Please outline the tone that the design(s) should have.	Historical, serious and prestigious.

E.g. serious, historic, prestigious, technical etc.	
Specify mandatory design elements Please supply hi-res files if applicable	Suggest this is best completed after viewing of The Great Seal at PM&C
Design risks Please list any culturally sensitive symbols or elements that should be avoided in the design(s)	Nil
Design emphasis Please list the main features the design should convey	s 47E(d)

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Following on from our earlier discussions between PM&C, Treasury and the RAM, please find attached the RAM Design Brief.

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Please do	reach out at any time if I	can assist furthe	r. s 22(1	)(a)(ii)
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Good morning s 22(1)(a)(iii

Thank you for your eagerness and email. I was just working on the brief and seeking to have it with you as soon as possible.

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Noting the tight timeframes,	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
I will be in touch with the brief.	
s 22(1)(a)(ii) the contact for that period.	My colleague, <mark>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</mark> will kindly be
Kind regards	
s 22(1)(a)(ii)	
<ul> <li>S 22(1)(a)(ii)   Assistant Director, Honours and Sym Government Division</li> <li>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</li> <li>t: S 22(1)(a)(ii)   e: S 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au  w. w</li> <li>+ One National Circuit Barton ACT 2600   PO Box 650</li> <li>The Department acknowledges and pays respect Traditional Custodians of Country, and the contin practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander p</li> </ul>	WW.pmc.gov.au O CANBERRA ACT 2600 to the past, present and emerging Elders and uation of cultural, spiritual and educational peoples.
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Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>	
I hope this email finds you well.	
We have been meeting with a number of interna	Il stakeholders regarding the Great Seal and

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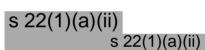
Our Design Team are keen to get started on the concepts, so I was hoping to get an idea on when we could expect the completed design brief please?

Noting that we would require four weeks to turn the concepts around.

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# **s 47E(d) s 22(1)(a)(ii)** Happy to chat about all of the above.

Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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# Hi<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Please find attached the design brief for the Great Seal of Australia. This is based on the Mint's standard brief and will give us a good start when it comes to creating the new concepts.

Please return the completed brief once you have filled in all the information you have. Get back if you or your team have any questions.



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# MS24-000453 Signature Due Date: 17 June 2024 to allow for the process to make a new seal in time for presentation during a possible Royal Visit FOR AGREEMENT SEAL - S 47C FOR AGREEMENT

# KEY POINTS

 On 9 October 2022, His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), the Governor-General, agreed to your advice to resolve to continue to use the current Great Seal of Australia to authenticate official documents, until a new Great Seal of Australia is supplied to the Governor-General, and authorised for use by His Majesty The King.

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a. The current design of the Great Seal of Australia features the central image of the Coat of Arms of Australia encircled by a contemporary laurel of wattle. The surrounding border provides the word Elizabeth The Second above the central image. The words Queen of Australia appear below the wattle laurel.

5. The proposed Royal Visit to Australia by Their Majesties in the second half of 2024, provides opportunity to present and undertake the first use of the new Great Seal of Australia.

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 6. Section 61 of the *Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia* (the Constitution) provides the executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in The King and is exercisable by the Governor-General as The King's representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of the Constitution and of the laws of the Commonwealth.
  - a. As an incident of the executive power of the Commonwealth, the Governor-General may implement section 61 of the Constitution by adopting The Great Seal of Australia as a method of authenticating and validating instruments and certain official documents.
- 7. The current Great Seal of Australia was authorised for use by Royal Warrant issued by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second on 19 October 1973 (Gazette 152 of 19 October 1973).
  - a. The 1973 Great Seal of Australia was updated to coincide with the enactment of the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1973* and the change in Queen Elizabeth II Style and Titles for Australia.
  - b. The original Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia was created in 1901.

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# **Risks and Sensitivities**

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Financial Implications Approximately \$15,000 to be absorbed by PM&C

# Consultation

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Parliamentary and Government Branch

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Alison Bamsey A/g Assistant Secretary

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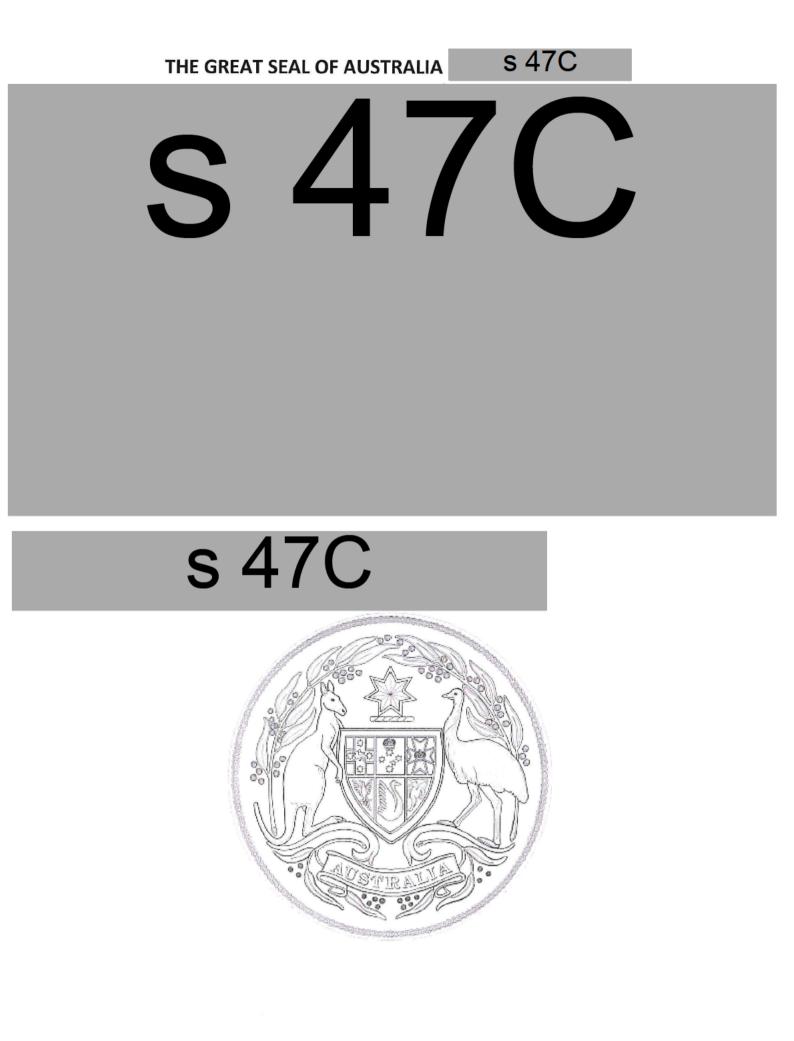
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Please get back if you need more information or have any follow up questions.

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22(1)(a)(ii Hi

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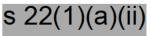
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Good morning <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> and <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>				
I hope you are well. Thank you kindly for the chat <sup>\$221(10)(1)</sup> -that was super helpful.				
I'd be most grateful please if you were able to kindly confirm if there is a difference in the indicative costing for <sup>s 47C</sup>				
If there was a cost difference, we would really appreciate if you could provide a ballpark figure for the considerations.				

Kind regards

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Thank you so much s 22(1)(a)(ii) for seeking confirmation and for your patience



I will advise you as soon as I have any confirmation or knowledge

Many kind thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Kind regards,



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Good morning <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>	and <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>	(and our	Treasury co	lleagues!)
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Thank you kindly for your patience.

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Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can provide any further information

Many kind regards

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# **Risks and Sensitivities**

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## Consultation

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# **David Belgrove**

Assistant Secretary Parliamentary and Government Branch 6 September 2024

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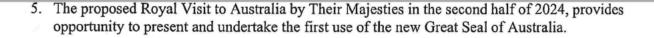


# KEY POINTS

 On 9 October 2022, His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), the Governor-General, agreed to your advice to resolve to continue to use the current Great Seal of Australia to authenticate official documents, until a new Great Seal of Australia is supplied to the Governor-General, and authorised for use by His Majesty The King.

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 6. Section 61 of the *Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia* (the Constitution) provides the executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in The King and is exercisable by the Governor-General as The King's representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of the Constitution and of the laws of the Commonwealth.
  - a. As an incident of the executive power of the Commonwealth, the Governor-General may implement section 61 of the Constitution by adopting The Great Seal of Australia as a method of authenticating and validating instruments and certain official documents.
- 7. The current Great Seal of Australia was authorised for use by Royal Warrant issued by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second on 19 October 1973 (Gazette 152 of 19 October 1973).
  - a. The 1973 Great Seal of Australia was updated to coincide with the enactment of the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1973* and the change in Queen Elizabeth II Style and Titles for Australia.
  - b. The original Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia was created in 1901.

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**Risks and Sensitivities** 

Financial Implications Approximately \$15,000 to be absorbed by PM&C

### Consultation

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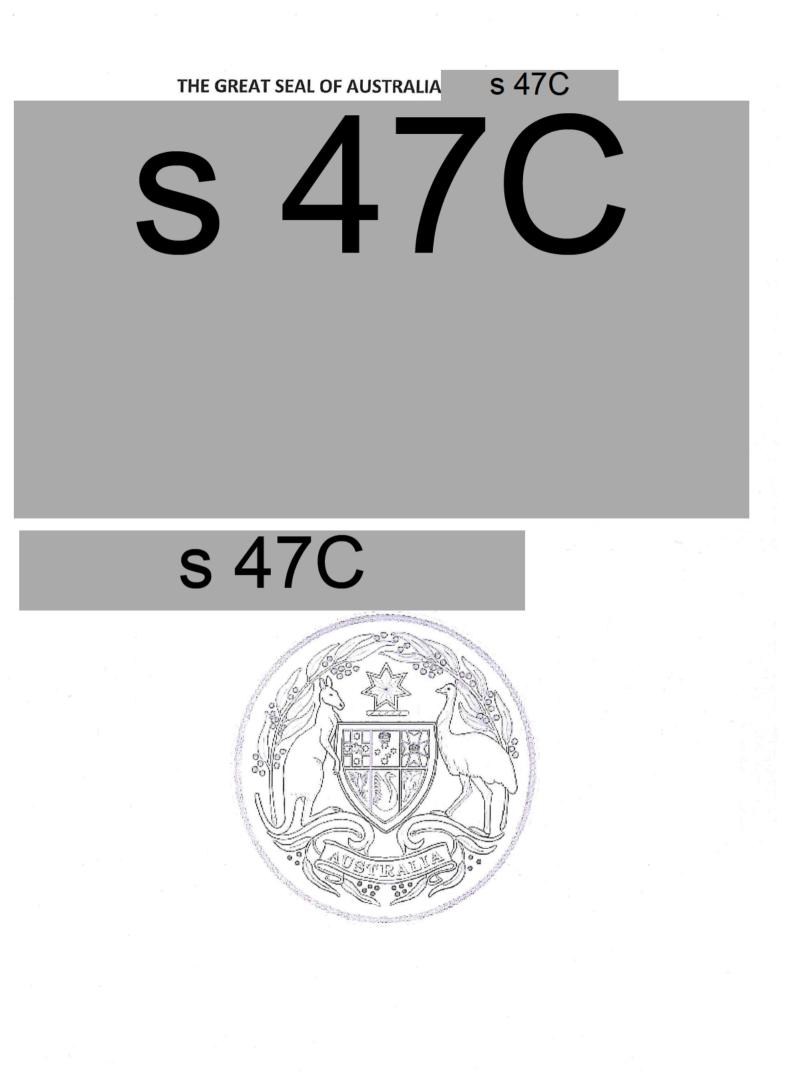
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Your Excellency

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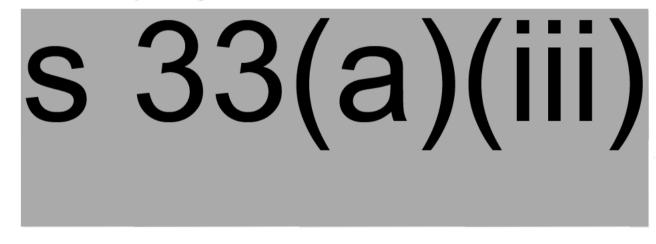
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Please see the attached.

Kind regards,

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