

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The Constitution

Administrative Arrangements Order

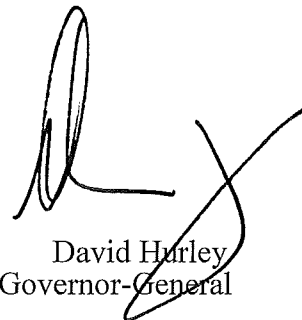
I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and under Chapter II of the *Constitution*, order that the Administrative Arrangements Order made on 29 May 2019, and amended on 8 August 2019, be amended as set out in the Schedule.

The amendments set out in the Schedule will take effect from and including 1 December 2019.



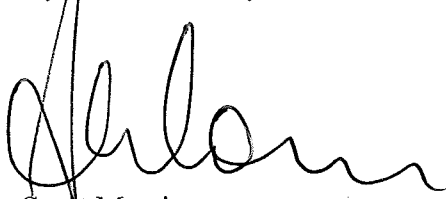
Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on

14th November 2019



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



Scott Morrison
Prime Minister

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ORDER

PART 1 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Matters dealt with by the Department

Omit: Water policy and resources

Legislation administered by the Minister

Omit: *Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act 2001*

Omit: Sewerage Agreement Acts

Omit: *Water Act 2007*, except to the extent administered by the Environment Minister

Omit: *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005*

Omit: *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (Registration Fees) Act 2013*

PART 13 THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, CITIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Matters dealt with by the Department

Add: Water policy and resources

Legislation administered by the Minister

Add: *Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act 2001*

Add: Sewerage Agreement Acts

Add: *Water Act 2007*, except to the extent administered by the Environment Minister

Add: *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005*

Add: *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (Registration Fees) Act 2013*





PRIME MINISTER

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Minute Paper for the Executive Council

Subject

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Approved in Council

Recommended for the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council that the Administrative Arrangements Order be amended in the attached form.

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Governor-General

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Filed in the Records
of the Council

Leonie McGregor
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Secretary to the Executive Council

Scott Morrison
Prime Minister

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. of 2019 – Prime Minister

Subject - *The Constitution*

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The Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) stems directly from the *Constitution*. Section 61 of the *Constitution* places the executive power of the Commonwealth in The Queen and provides that it is exercisable by the Governor-General. Section 62 provides for the Executive Council and section 64 provides that the Governor-General may appoint Ministers of State to administer such Departments of State of the Commonwealth as the Governor-General in Council establishes.

The AAO specifies the names of Departments of State, the principal matters they deal with and the legislation administered within each portfolio.

The Minute proposes that the Governor-General make amendments to the AAO made on 29 May 2019, and amended on 8 August 2019, to reflect changes to administrative arrangements recommended by the Prime Minister.

The proposed amendments transfer responsibility for water policy and resources from the Agriculture portfolio to the Infrastructure portfolio, as agreed to by the Prime Minister on 12 September 2019. The draft Order proposes that the new arrangements would take effect from 1 December 2019.

The Minute recommends that the Order be amended in the form proposed.

Authority: Chapter II of *the Constitution*

