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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 to be known as the “Order of Australia” and made provision with respect to 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 above-mentioned Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, as amended by Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976, by Letters Patent dated 14 March 1981, and by Letters Patent dated 3 March 1986, be further amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as set out in the Schedule:

AND WE DO ordain that the Order shall henceforth consist of the Sovereign, Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales, and such persons as have been appointed, or shall hereafter be appointed, to the Order:

AND WE DO further ordain that, notwithstanding the amendments to be made to the Constitution of the Order, 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:

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 12 April 1988

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By Her Majesty’s Command,
BOB HAWKE
Prime Minister

Schedule

Amendment of the Constitution of the Order of Australia

1. Section 4 is amended:
 - (a) by omitting from paragraph (1) (c) “the Special Minister of State” and substituting “Administrative Services”;
 - (b) by omitting paragraph 1 (e) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(e) not more than 15 persons appointed by the Governor-General, of whom—
 - (i) not more than 6 shall be persons nominated by the States of the Commonwealth of Australia;
 - (ii) one may be a person nominated by the Northern Territory of Australia; and
 - (iii) one may be a person nominated by the Minister of State responsible for the administration of the Australian Capital Territory.”.
2. Section 4 is further amended by adding at the end the following sub-section:

“(4) A member of the Council who is referred to in paragraph (1) (a), (b), (c) or (d) or sub-paragraph (1) (e) (i), (ii) or (iii) may, in the event that the member is absent or unable to act in that capacity, be represented on the Council by a person chosen, in accordance with arrangements made by the Governor- General, to act in the member’s place as a member of the Council.”.
3. Section 30 is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(c) the designations of members of the Order and persons who have been awarded the Medal of the Order; and”.