

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 Determination of warlike service (Operation SLIPPER)

The *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) provides for automatic treatment for certain cancers, post traumatic stress disorder and some other prescribed conditions, access to the Veterans' Counselling Service, funeral benefits, Service pension, access to gold card, and the Victoria Cross Allowance.

The purpose of this Determination is to revoke the previous Determination made for Operation SLIPPER and provides that this Determination replaces that earlier instrument to declare service with the United States Led Response to International Terrorism, on Operation SLIPPER for the period 11 October 2001 to 30 July 2009 as warlike service for the purpose of the Act.

This Determination applies to service for the period 11 October 2001 to 30 July 2009, the period members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) rendered warlike service in Operation SLIPPER in the Specified Areas.

This Determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* (LIA) and is exempt from disallowance pursuant to item 10 of Schedule 2 of the *Legislative Instruments Regulations 2004* (the Regulations) and is also exempt from sunseting pursuant to item 7(a) of Schedule 3 of the Regulations

The Determination takes effect from the day after it is registered.

Consultation was considered inappropriate and unnecessary pursuant to section 18 of the LIA because the Determination relates to the service of members of the ADF (service instrument).

Authority: Subsection 5C(1) of the
Veterans' Entitlements Act
1986