

PM&C
Secretary
Ms Foster
Ms Millar
Mr Reid
Mr Brazier
Mr Martin
Mr Rush

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

To: Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet

NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY AWARDS IN THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Recommendations - that you:

PMO
Dr Kunkel
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CABINET
SECRETARY

AMO
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

1. Agree to consider the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (PM&C) proposals in relation to nominations for honorary awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia (Attachment A), s 47E(d)

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Agreed / Not Agreed

2. Sign the draft correspondence to the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), to seek approval of the Government's recommendations for these honorary awards (Attachment B).

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Signed / Not signed

23/1/21

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Date:

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Key points:

1. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has assessed s 47E(d) s 47E(d) for honorary awards in the General Division in the Order of Australia. This involved seeking independent referee reports and evaluating the nominees' contributions, relative to other award recipients under the Australian honours system.

2. Following this assessment, PM&C proposes that you:

a. recommend to the Chancellor of the Order of Australia, the Governor-General His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), s 47E(d) s 47E(d) receive honorary recognition in the Order of Australia; and

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i. PM&C makes every endeavour to obtain an appropriate level of independent substantiation of every nomination. However in some cases nominators and/or referees have not responded to repeated requests for information to support the claims made under the nomination.

ii. In these cases it is appropriate that the Government formally considers each nominee, and makes decisions based on the information at hand, fulfilling our obligation to the nominator.

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- iii. In the event that subsequent additional information is received in relation to any unsuccessful nomination, PM&C will reassess the nomination and bring any substantial and/or compelling matters to your attention.
- 3. Accordingly, PM&C seeks your agreement (at Attachment A) to the assessment of each of these nominations or your notation should your assessment vary. Further justification, referee comments and background information is provided at s 47E(d)
- 4. PM&C's proposals are briefly summarised below:

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- 5. Should you agree to these proposals, the draft letter at Attachment B formally recommends to the Governor-General that he approve the honorary awards. However, should your assessments differ to PM&C's, please note at Attachment A and we will re-draft the correspondence accordingly.
- 6. If the Governor-General provides approval, PM&C will follow established protocols for foreign government agreement to these awards. Subject to relevant government agreement, each proposed recipient will then be contacted to ascertain their willingness to accept the Australian honour.
 - a. Once the necessary procedures have been completed, PM&C will work with relevant Australian Missions abroad to support the Office of the Governor-General to make any formal public announcements and organise the respective investiture ceremonies.

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Background:

7. Under the Constitution of the Order, a person who is not an Australian citizen can be nominated for an honorary award in the Order for service or achievement to Australia or to humanity at large.
8. As Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet one of your responsibilities is to make recommendations for honorary awards to the Governor-General, on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP.
 - a. The Government recommends honorary awards to the Governor General, rather than the independent Council for the Order of Australia. The process differs to allow consideration of Australia's foreign policy objectives and consultation with foreign governments regarding proposed awards to their citizens.

Peter Rush
Assistant Secretary
Parliamentary and Government Branch
24 May 2021

Policy officer: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Consultation: International Division;
Government House

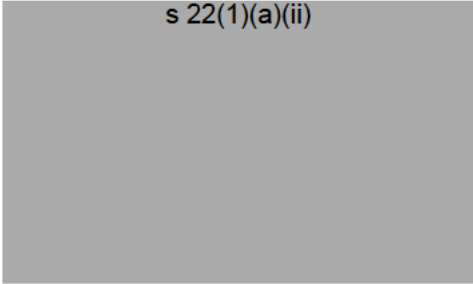
ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A PM&C PROPOSALS

ATTACHMENT B DRAFT CORRESPONDENCE TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

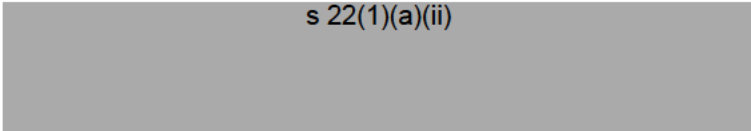
ATTACHMENT C NOMINATION SUMMARIES:

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Proposals of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in relation to honorary award nominations in the General Division of the Order of Australia

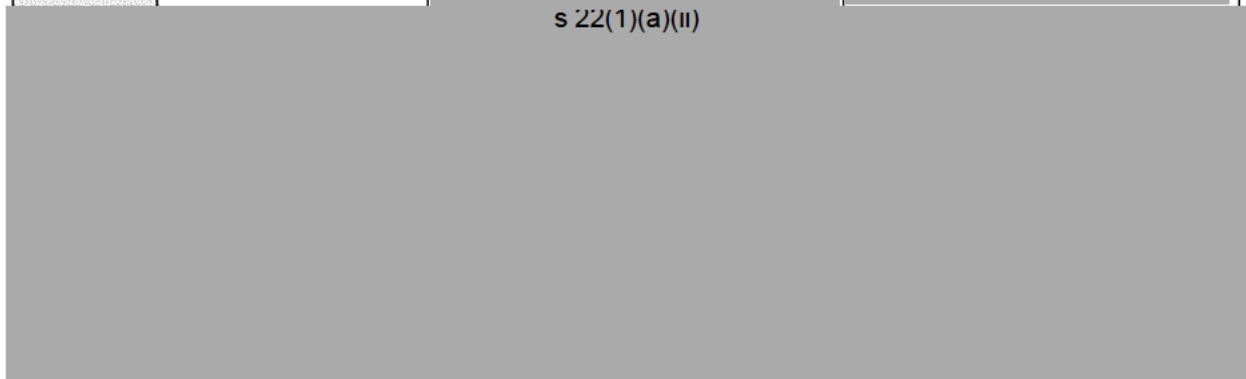
NB: Mr Morton to please note if assessments vary from PM&C's.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL MATTERS

Reference: MS21-000420

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Your Excellency

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, to provide the Government's recommendations for ^{s 47E(d)} [redacted] honorary awards and appointments in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for your consideration.

Specifically, I recommend the following honorary awards and appointments:

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- Dr Haruhisa Handa (Japan) – Officer of the Order (AO)

Biographical notes for each nominee are attached to this correspondence in support of these recommendations.

Subject to your approval, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will follow established protocols for foreign government agreement to these honours. Each proposed recipient would then be contacted to ascertain their willingness to accept.

The Department will advise your officials once the necessary procedures have been completed.

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Yours faithfully

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23/7/2021

NOTE: Proposed text for the Governor-General to release to the media on announcement of the honour (without classification on release)

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

**Appointed an Honorary Officer in the General Division
of the Order of Australia (AO)**

NAME : Dr Haruhisa Handa

ADDRESS : TBC

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Dr Haruhisa Handa has a proven record of selfless service and significant philanthropic contributions to Australia's arts, cultural, sporting and educational fields.

Dr Handa's work fostering and supporting the careers of developing Australian artists, particularly in opera, is exemplary. His efforts have expanded the audience for opera in Australia and increased opportunities for inclusive participation in sports.

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For approximately 15 years Dr Handa he been a major sponsor of significant golf tournaments (open, Women's, Junior and blind and visually impaired. He is both the patron of Golf Australia and its International Ambassador (with Greg Norman AO).

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Dr Handa's support to university education has also made a positive national and global impact in the field of human rights. In particular, at Curtin University he funds a university chair and established the Centre for Human Rights Education. He has received Honorary Doctorates from the University of Western Australia, Curtin University, and Edith Cowan University in Western Australia.

Globally Dr Handa has received significant recognition for his public service by the governments of Cambodia, Japan and China. Among his many acknowledgements of contribution from international universities are an Honorary Fellowship from The School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Juilliard School, New York.

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