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COMMISSION

*Passed under the Royal Sign Manual and the
Great Seal of Australia appointing*

MAJOR GENERAL PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY AC, CVO, MC

to be the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of
Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the
Commonwealth: To Major General Philip Michael Jeffery,
Companion of the Order of Australia, Commander of the Royal
Victorian Order, Military Cross,

Greeting:

WE DO, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia, appoint you, Philip Michael Jeffery, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

AND WE DO authorise, empower and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in the Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984, as amended on 11 May 2003, relating to the office of Governor-General or in future Letters Patent relating to that office, according to such instructions as Our Governor-General for the time being may have received or may in future receive from Us, and according to such laws as are from time to time in force.

AND WE DO declare that the powers conferred by this Our Commission include any further powers that may in future be assigned to the Governor-General in accordance with section 2 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Given at Our Court

at *Buckingham Palace*
on *twenty-ninth of July,*
2003



By Her Majesty's Command,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Howard".

Prime Minister



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law. SO HELP ME GOD!

Philip Jeffery

Sworn, declared and subscribed by the
abovenamed Philip Michael Jeffery at
Canberra in the Australian Capital
Territory before me on 11 August 2003

Murray Bowen
Chief Justice of
Australia



OATH OF OFFICE

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, do swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, in the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of the Commonwealth of Australia, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. SO HELP ME GOD!

Phil Jeffery

Sworn, declared and subscribed by the
abovenamed Philip Michael Jeffery at
Canberra in the Australian Capital
Territory before me on 11 August 2003

Anthony Mason
Chief Justice of
Australia



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second has been graciously pleased by Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia dated 29 July 2003 to appoint me, Philip Michael Jeffery, Companion of the Order of Australia, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Military Cross, to be Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia:

NOW THEREFORE I proclaim that I have this day made the prescribed oath of allegiance and the prescribed oath of office of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia before the Honourable the Chief Justice of Australia, and that I have assumed that office accordingly.

Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia
on 11 August 2003.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip Michael Jeffery".

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Howard".

Prime Minister