



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:

JAMES HENRY STAUNTON, AO, CBE, QC

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 25 October 1994 and varied by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 29 December 1994, We appointed the Honourable Sir Laurence Street, AC, KCMG, to inquire into certain aspects of the administration of the Civil Aviation Authority, in particular in relation to any person (whether incorporated or unincorporated), or body of persons, trading as Seaview Air or any related business:

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 29 December 1994, We appointed you as another Commissioner to inquire separately into those matters:

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Sir Laurence Street has requested that consideration be given to terminating his Commission:

AND WHEREAS We have, by Letters Patent issued this day in Our name by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, revoked the Letters Patent previously issued to the Honourable Sir Laurence Street:

NOW THEREFORE We do, by these Our Letters Patent issued in Our name by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in pursuance of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the *Royal Commissions Act 1902* and other enabling powers, declare that the Letters Patent issued to you shall have effect from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (according to the time observed in the Australian Capital Territory) on 2 February 1995 as if:

- (a) for paragraph (b) of the terms of reference there were substituted the following paragraph:
 - “(b) the implications of your findings under paragraph (a) necessary to ensure total propriety in air safety administration.”; and
- (b) for the first five passages commencing “AND We” there were substituted the following passages:

“AND We authorise you in conducting your inquiries to have regard to any information, evidence, document or thing obtained by the Honourable Sir Laurence Street under the related Commission and communicated or furnished to you:

AND We declare that, in these Our Letters Patent, the expression ‘related Commission’ means the Commission of Inquiry established by Letters Patent issued on 25 October 1994 by our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Honourable Sir Laurence Street, varied by Letters Patent issued on 29 December 1994 by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Honourable Sir Laurence Street and revoked by Letters Patent issued this day by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Honourable Sir Laurence Street.”.

WITNESS the Honourable William George Hayden,
Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia on 1 February 1995.

Governor-General

By His Excellency’s Command

Minister for Transport
for the Prime Minister