

Cadet Forces Regulations (Amendment) 1997 No. 39

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1997 NO. 39

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Defence Act 1903

Naval Defence Act 1910

Air Force Act 1923

Cadet Forces Regulations (Amendment)

The Cadet Forces Regulations ("the Principal Regulations"), made under the *Defence Act 1903*, *Naval Defence Act 1910* and *Air Force Act 1923*, provide for the organisation and administration of the three cadet bodies: the Australian Cadet Corps, the Naval Reserve Cadets and the Air Training Corps.

Following new command arrangements in the Defence Force, the *Defence Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997* ("the 1997 Act") amended the Defence Act to change the titles of the service chiefs, from Chief of Naval Staff, Chief of the General Staff and Chief of the Air Staff, to Chief of Navy, Chief of Army and Chief of Air Force, respectively. Consequential amendments were also made to references to the generic title "chief of staff" to change it to "service chief". The 1997 Act also amended other Commonwealth Acts to change references to those titles. As the new generic title does not include the Chief of the Defence Force, specific reference to that title is included where necessary.

This Statutory Rule amends the Principal Regulations by changing references to the titles Chief of Naval Staff, Chief of the General Staff and Chief of the Air Staff, to Chief of Navy, Chief of Army and Chief of Air Force, respectively. The Statutory Rule also changes references to the generic title "chief of staff" to "service chief". In this context, there was no requirement to include the Chief of the Defence Force.

The Statutory Rule comes into operation on the date of gazettal.