**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Issued by authority of the Assistant Minister for Productivity, Competition, Charities and Treasury**

*Currency Act 1965*

*Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2025 Perth Mint No. 2) Determination 2025*

Subsection 13(2) and section 13A of the *Currency Act 1965* (the Act) provide that the Treasurer may, by legislative instrument, determine details of Australian coin characteristics including denomination, standard composition, standard weight, allowable variation from standard weight, design and dimensions.

The purpose of this legislative instrument is to determine the characteristics of 31 new non-circulating coins proposed to be issued by The Perth Mint.

The Treasurer may authorise the making and issuing of coins specified, or taken to be specified, in the Schedule to the *Currency Act 1965*. A payment of money is a legal tender if it is made in coins that are made and issued under the *Currency Act 1965*. Through the issue of a currency determination, the Treasurer can add, remove and alter the coin characteristics specified, or taken to be specified, in the Schedule to the *Currency Act 1965*.

In accordance with section 19 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, any Minister in the Treasury portfolio may, by legislative instrument, determine details of Australian coin characteristics.

Details of the legislative instrument are set out in the Attachment.

The legislative instrument commenced on the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

The legislative instrument is subject to disallowance under section 42 of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

The Determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislation Act 2003*. The Determination is not subject to sunsetting under the *Legislation Act 2003* on the grounds that the instrument ensures economic certainty (see item 20 of the table in section 12 of the *Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Regulation 2015*). The instrument’s operation is integral in ensuring that the currency produced by the Mints becomes, and remains, legal tender unless or until returned to a mint to be taken out of circulation in accordance with the *Currency Act 1965*.

**Consultation**

The Perth Mint undertook consultation among its network of Australian and international wholesale distributors. Authorised Australian distributors of The Perth Mint products are consulted regularly during business meetings and participation at the Australian Numismatic Dealers’ Association Coin, Banknote and Stamp shows. Likewise, international distributors were consulted during a schedule of individual meetings hosted during the World Money Fair held in Berlin and the American Numismatic Association’s World’s Fair of Money.

Limited consultation was conducted with external parties due to the confidentiality of coin themes and artwork, due to the risk of competitors viewing the innovations and potentially releasing similar coins into the market prior to the release.

Members of the public have the opportunity to contact The Perth Mint to present any themes they would like to see commemorated on Australian legal tender. These concepts are then researched and presented to The Perth Mint’s sales and marketing department for consideration and feedback.

**Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights**

*Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*

***Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2025 Perth Mint No. 2) Determination 2025***

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

**Overview of the Legislative Instrument**

The purpose of this legislative instrument is to determine the characteristics of 31 new non-circulating coins proposed to be issued by The Perth Mint.

**Human rights implications**

This Legislative Instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

**Conclusion**

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

**ATTACHMENT**

**Details of the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2025 Perth Mint No. 2) Determination 2025***

Section 1 – Name

This section provides that the name of the Determination is the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2025 Perth Mint No. 2) Determination 2025*.

Section 2 – Commencement

This section prescribes that the Determination commences on the day after the Determination is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Section 3 – Authority

This section provides that the Determination is made under the *Currency Act 1965*.

Section 4 – Schedule

This section provides that each instrument specified in a Schedule to the Determination is amended or repealed as set out in the Schedule.

Schedule 1 – Amendments

Schedule 1 amends the *Currency (Australian Coins) Determination 2019* by adding the details of new coin characteristics. The newly determined coin characteristics are set out below.

***$8 2025 5oz Silver Australian Wildlife Coin***

The design on the $8 2025 5oz silver Australian wildlife coin has a textured finish and consists of, in the background, a stylised representation of Australian native bushland. In the foreground, and partially obscuring the bushland, there is a representation of:

1. a kookaburra perched on a branch; and
2. a koala; and
3. a bounding kangaroo.

The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE”; “P”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “NH” (being the initials of the designer Neil Hollis); “Xoz 9999 SILVER” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals); and a microscopic “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The effigy of His Majesty King Charles III is superimposed over a textured finish. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 1oz Silver Brumby Coin  
$1 2025 1oz Silver Brumby Coloured Coin***

The design on the $1 2025 1oz silver brumby coins consists of a stylised representation of two horses standing on rough ground. Surrounding the horses is a stylised representation of rocks, reeds and mountains. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “Xoz 9999 SILVER” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals); “AH” (being the initials of the designer Aleysha Howarth); “P”; and a microscopic “P”.

On the coloured coin, the two horses are coloured and some of the stylised representation of rocks, reeds and mountains are coloured. In the background, there is also a coloured stylised representation of a cloudy sky and a partially obscured sunrise.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$2 2025 2oz Silver Christmas Antiqued Coloured Coin with Insert***

The design on the $2 2025 2oz silver Christmas antiqued coloured coin with insert consists of a representation of Santa Claus’s workshop, including:

1. Santa reading a list on a staircase; and
2. elves building toys, wrapping gifts, climbing shelves and helping; and
3. various animals, including a reindeer in the window of the workshop, a cat, a dog, birds and squirrels; and
4. adorning the shelves, various Christmas decorations; and
5. various coloured accents on certain items within the workshop.

The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “Xoz 9999 SILVER” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals); “JM” (being the initials of the designer Jennifer McKenna); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin, and a circular pattern of stylised stars and dots, together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$100 2026 1oz Platinum Double Phoenix Reverse Proof Coin***

The design on the $100 2026 1oz platinum double phoenix reverse proof coin consists of in the centre of the coin, in a circular shape, a stylised representation of the Chinese language character (囍), pronounced xǐ under the Pinyin system, and meaning double happiness. In the foreground, surrounding the Chinese language character, there is a stylised representation of two phoenixes in flight. In the background, partially obscured by the phoenixes, there is a stylised representation of clouds. The design includes the following inscriptions: an inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “LB” (being the initials of designer Lucas Bowers); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the following inscriptions: “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires, and “Xoz 9995 Pt” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 1oz Silver Dragon Rectangle Coin  
$100 2025 1oz Gold Dragon Rectangle Coin***

The 2025 1oz dragon rectangle coins are rectangular in shape with rounded corners. The design on the 2025 dragon rectangle coins consists of a stylised representation of a Chinese dragon. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “LB” (being the initials of the designer Lucas Bowers); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins superimposed over a square of radial lines, together with the following inscriptions: “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires, and “Xoz 9999 Au” or “Xoz 9999 Ag” as the case requires (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$2 2026 2oz Silver Horse Antiqued Coin***

The design on the $2 2026 2oz silver horse antiqued coin consists of a stylised representation of eight horses galloping across a stream with rocks, and splashing water. Above the horses, there is a canopy of branches of the ginkgo biloba tree. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “IJ” (being the initials of the designer Ing Ing Jong); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions: “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires, and “Xoz 9999 Ag” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 13.5g Base Metal Indigenous – Fathers Country Coloured Coin***

The design on the $1 2025 13.5g base metal Indigenous – Fathers Country coloured coin consists of coloured stylised representations of a walking emu, bounding kangaroo and bottlebrush flower, in Australian Indigenous dot painting style, surrounded by a pattern of dots, lines and circles by Indigenous artist Kevin Bynder. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “KB” (being the initials of the indigenous designer Kevin Bynder); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin, together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 13.5g Base Metal Indigenous – Our Country Coloured Coin***

The design on the $1 2025 13.5g base metal Indigenous – Our Country coloured coin consists of a coloured stylised representation of a yarning circle and a stream, in Australian Indigenous dot painting style, surrounded by a pattern of dots, lines and circles (some of which are coloured) , by Indigenous artist Kevin Bynder. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “KB” (being the initials of the indigenous designer Kevin Bynder); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin, together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 13.5g Base Metal Indigenous – Mothers Country Coloured Coin***

The design on the $1 2025 13.5g base metal Indigenous – Mothers Country coloured coin consists of a coloured stylised representation of a red-tailed black cockatoo in flight, a kangaroo paw flower, and a grass tree, in Australian Indigenous dot painting style, surrounded by a pattern of dots, lines and circles (some of which are coloured), by Indigenous artist Kevin Bynder. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “KB” (being the initials of the indigenous designer Kevin Bynder); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin, together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$1 2025 1oz Silver Kangaroo Gold-Plated Coin***

The design on the $1 2025 1oz silver kangaroo gold-plated coin consists of a pattern of wavy lines immediately inside the rim of the coin, enclosing a representation of a bounding kangaroo surrounded by stylised sunrays and radial lines. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO”; “P”, the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “Xoz 9999 SILVER” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or common fraction in Arabic numerals); and a microscopic “A”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the following inscriptions: “CHARLES III”; “AUSTRALIA”; and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. Immediately inside the rim of the coin is a pattern of wavy lines surrounding a circle that incorporates the effigy of King Charles III.

***$1 2025 1oz Silver Koala Coloured Bison Privy Coin  
$8 2025 5oz Silver Koala High Relief Rose Gold-Plated Coin  
$500 2025 5oz Gold Koala Coin  
$100 2025 1oz Gold Koala High Relief Coin***

The design on the 2025 koala coins consists of a partial circle enclosing a representation of a koala nestled at the end of a leafy tree branch. The design includes the following inscriptions: “KOALA”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; either “Xoz 9999 SILVER” or “Xoz 9999 GOLD” as the case requires (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals); “AH” (being the initials of designer Aleysha Howarth); and “P”.

On the bison privy coin, there is also a stylised coloured representation of a bison enclosed in a square and a microscopic “P”. On the high relief rose gold-plated coin, the rim of the coin and the koala are rose gold-plated.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. On the rose gold-plated coin, the rim of the coin is rose gold-plated.

***$2 2025 0.5g Gold Kookaburra Coin  
$100 2025 1oz Gold Kookaburra High Relief Coin***

The design on the 2025 gold kookaburra coins is superimposed over a stylised representation of sun rays and consists of, in the foreground, two partial circles enclosing a representation of a kookaburra perched on a branch. The design includes the following inscriptions: “KOOKABURRA”; “35TH ANNIVERSARY”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; either “Xg 9999 GOLD” (where “X” is the nominal weight in grams of the coin, expressed as a whole or decimal number, or common fraction, in Arabic numerals) or “Xoz 9999 GOLD” (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or common fraction in Arabic numerals) as the case requires; “SR” (being the initials of the designer Sean Rogers); and “P”.

On the 0.5g coin, in the background, there is a stylised representation of the sun.

On the 1oz high relief coin, there is a representation of Stuart Devlin’s depiction of a kookaburra perched on a stump, surrounded by leaves, as it appeared in The Perth Mint 1990 Australian Kookaburra silver bullion coin, enclosed in a circle representing the sun.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins, together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

***$2 2025 2oz Silver Mythical Creatures – Griffin Piedfort Coin   
50c 2025 1/2oz Silver Mythical Creatures – Griffin Coin   
$25 2025 1/4oz Gold Mythical Creatures – Griffin Coin***

The design on the 2025 mythical creatures – griffin coins consists of, in the foreground, a representation of a griffin with its wings outstretched standing on top of a rocky ledge. Below the griffin, there is a stylised tattered banner bearing the inscription “GRIFFIN”. In the background, there is a stylised representation of rocky mountains, a sun, and clouds. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “WR” (being the initials of the designer Wade Robinson); and “P”.

On the 50c 1/2oz silver coin and on the $2 2oz silver piedfort coin, there is also a microscopic “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLARS”, “DOLLAR” or “CENTS” as the case requires, and “Xoz 9999 Ag” or “Xoz 9999 Au” as the case requires (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse designs include the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. On the 50c 1/2oz silver coin and on the $2 2oz silver piedfort coin, the effigy of His Majesty King Charles III is superimposed over a textured finish.

***$100 2025 Gold St George & The Dragon Rose Gold-Plated Coin***

The design on the $100 2025 gold St George and the dragon rose gold-plated coin consists of a pattern of dots immediately inside the rim forming a circle, and a representation of St George and the dragon, inspired by the legend as depicted in coins, paintings and engravings over the centuries. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIA”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “JM” (being the initials of the designer Jennifer McKenna); and “P”. The reverse, apart from the design, is rose gold-plated.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. The rim of the coin is rose gold-plated.

***$50 2025 1oz Bi-Metallic 50% Gold & 50% Silver Wedge-Tailed Eagle Coin***

The design on the $50 2025 1oz bi-metallic 50% gold & 50% silver wedge-tailed eagle coin consists of a circular border immediately inside the rim. Within the border, there is another circle containing a stylised representation of an eagle standing on the ground with its wings outstretched. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE”; and the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “JM” (being the initials of the designer John Mercanti); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. The effigy of His Majesty King Charles III is enclosed in a circular border.

***$3,000 2025 1kg Gold Wedge-Tailed Eagle Ultra‑High Relief Rose Gold-Plated Coin  
$500 2025 5oz Gold Wedge-Tailed Eagle Ultra-High Relief Rose Gold-Plated Coin  
$30 2025 1kg Silver Wedge-Tailed Eagle Ultra-High Relief Rose Gold-Plated Coin***

The design on the 2025 gold and silver wedge-tailed eagle ultra-high relief rose gold-plated coins consists of a circular border immediately inside the rose gold-plated rim that is partially obscuring a rose gold-plated stylised representation of an eagle standing on the ground with its wings outstretched. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE”; and the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “XKILO 9999 GOLD”, “Xoz 9999 GOLD” or “XKILO 9999 SILVER” (where “X” is the nominal weight in kilograms or ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals); “JM” (being the initials of the designer John Mercanti); and “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. The rim of the coins is rose gold-plated.

***$1 2026 1oz Silver Wonders of Australia – The Outback Coin  
$100 2026 1oz Gold Wonders of Australia – The Outback Coin***

The design on the 2026 1oz Wonders of Australia – the outback coins consists of, in the foreground, a stylised representation of a frilled-neck lizard on a rock and surrounded by smaller rocks, Sturt’s desert pea, and poached egg daisies (*Polycalymma stuartii*). There is a representation of two kangaroos drinking from a lake in which a crocodile is swimming, a representation of a dingo howling on a rock, and a representation of a wedge-tailed eagle in flight. In the background, there is a stylised representation of a tree with four cockatoos in flight, shrubs and three emus walking in front of rocky mountains. There is also a stylised representation of the sun rising behind the rocky mountains. The design includes the following inscriptions: the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “JM” (being the initials of the designer Jennifer McKenna); “P”; and a microscopic “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins superimposed over a square, together with the following inscriptions: “CHARLES III”; “AUSTRALIA”; Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires; and “Xoz 9999 Au” or “Xoz 9999 Ag” as the case requires (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. Immediately inside the rim of the coin is an ornamental border comprising stylised representations of saltbush, poached egg daisies (*Polycalymma stuartii*), termite mounds, coral, anemones, epiphyte and an ant plant.

***$30 2025 1/3oz Platinum Zebra Shark Coin  
$25 2025 1/4oz Gold Zebra Shark Coin  
$2 2025 1.5oz Silver Zebra Shark Coin***

The design on the 2025 zebra shark coins consists of an aerial view of a circular border immediately inside the rim (made up of individual lines radiating outwards). Partially obscuring the border is a stylised representation of two zebra sharks swimming amongst a coral reef. The design includes the following inscriptions: “ZEBRA SHARK”; the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year; “SR” (being the initials of the designer Sean Rogers); and “P”. The silver coin includes a microscopic “P”.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coins. The obverse design also features the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLARS”, “DOLLAR” or “CENTS” as the case requires; and “Xoz 9995 Pt”, “Xoz 9999 Ag” or “Xoz 9999 Au” as the case requires (where “X” is the nominal weight in ounces of the coin, expressed as a whole number or a common fraction in Arabic numerals). The obverse designs include the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”. On the silver coin, the effigy of King Charles III is superimposed over a textured finish.