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PRIME MINISTER

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA COUNCIL

Following consultation with the Governor-General, Sir William Deane AC, KBE, I am pleased to announce the appointment of seven new Councillors to the Council of the Order of Australia. The Council for the Order of Australia meets twice a year to consider nominations and to make recommendations for awards in the Order of Australia to the Governor-General.

Rear Admiral (rtd) Peter Sinclair AC will be the new chairman of the Council, which next meets on 11 and 12 September. This follows a decision by the Chief Justice of the High Court, Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE to relinquish the position.

The other new Councillors are:

- Rear Admiral (rtd) Peter Sinclair AC Former Governor of NSW
- The Hon Sir James Killen KCMG Barrister and former Federal Minister
- Mrs Marjorie Turbayne OAM President ACT Australia Day Council
- Ms Anne Fulwood News Presenter and member of the Film and Literature Board of Review
- Mr Allan Border AO Former Australian Cricket Captain
- Dr George Santoro AM Former President Australian Medical Association (Victorian Branch)
- Ms Sara Henderson Grazier/Author

Lois O'Donoghue CBE AM, Chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, has been reappointed to the Council.

All appointments are for two years.

I am delighted that these distinguished Australians have agreed to give freely of their time to this important national committee. They bring with them a breadth of experience and achievement which encompasses the whole community and which all Australians can respect and admire.

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