STATEMENT

I, Tina Hampson, of 12 West Park Road, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DA, an Independent Researcher at the National Archives, Kew, Surrey, state as follows:

I have a BA (Hons) degree from Roehampton University, which is now part of the University of Surrey. Since about 1998 I have been on the list of independent researchers at the National Archives in Kew. I have extensive experience of conducting research in a wide range of papers held by the NA.

At the request of Mr Paul Perrett I have searched the Privy Council archives at the NA for evidence of Orders in Council being issued in relation to Australia for the appointment of the following Governors of New South Wales:

Sir Roden Cutler Air Marshall Sir James Rowland Rear Admiral Sir David Martin Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair The Hon. Gordon J. Samuels Professor Marie Bashir

I have found no evidence of Orders in Council issued by the Privy Council in relation to the appointments of any of the above mentioned Governors.

I have made a further search of the ledgers constituting class PC 2 (Privy Council) and found the last Order in Council issued in relation to Australia is that dated 28 July 1927.

The contents of this witness statement are true.

Dated 29/1/07