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INCOMING DEFENCE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM ANNOUNCED

Incoming Chief of the Defence Force, Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Chief of Navy, Chief of Army and Chief Joint Operations Announced

1. Further to the Prime Minister's press conference, the incoming Defence Senior Leadership Team has now been announced.
2. Lieutenant General Angus Campbell, AO, DSC on promotion to General, will be appointed as the Chief of the Defence Force. Lieutenant General Campbell will be reaching this milestone after 32 years of service with the Australian Regular Army. His extensive military career has included a number of senior roles, such as Head Military Strategic Commitments, Deputy Chief of Army and Commander Joint Agency Task Force. In his current appointment, as Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Campbell has been a driving force in cultural reform, with a specific focus on achieving equal opportunities and addressing domestic violence. His well-respected military career, in addition to his experience working in National Security, for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, make him ideally suited to lead the organisation in further reform and in embedding One Defence.
3. Vice Admiral David Johnston, AO, RAN will be appointed as the Vice Chief of the Defence Force. Vice Admiral Johnston has been serving with the Royal Australian Navy since 1978 and has recently been awarded his Federation Star. His highly esteemed military career has seen him in a number of senior appointments, including Deputy Chief Joint Operations, Commander Border Protection Command and most recently, Chief Joint Operations. His knowledge and understanding in national and international engagement, coupled with his extensive command experience, stand him in good stead for the challenging role as second-in-command of the Australian Defence Force.
4. Rear Admiral Michael Noonan, AM, RAN on promotion to Vice Admiral, will be appointed as the Chief of Navy. Rear Admiral Noonan's 34 years of service to the Royal Australian Navy has included a number of senior leadership positions including Commodore Training, Commander Border Protection Command and most notably, Deputy Chief of Navy. His considerable depth of knowledge in personnel, combined with his innovative approach to driving continuous improvement, has prepared him well to be the next leader of an agile, adaptive and capable Navy.

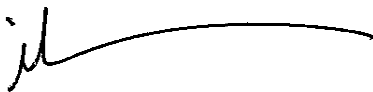
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5. Major General Richard Burr, AO, DSC, MVO on promotion to Lieutenant General, will be appointed as the Chief of Army. Major General Burr's diverse military career has comprised of a number of senior and unique roles including Australian Equerry to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Director General Military Strategic Commitments; the inaugural Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific; Commander Headquarters 1st Division; and most recently Deputy Chief of Army. In January this year, Major General Burr was made an Officer of the Order of Australia, 'For distinguished service in the implementation of significant reform and the realisation of strategic capabilities within the Australian Defence Force'. The command skills and experience that he has developed, over this 36 year career, make him ideally suited to lead the Australian Regular Army.

6. Air Vice-Marshal Melvin Hupfeld, AO, DSC on promotion to Air Marshal, will be appointed as the Chief Joint Operations. Air Vice-Marshal Hupfeld has been serving with the Royal Australian Air Force for over 38 years and has held a number of senior leadership and operationally based positions. These appointments include Director Combined Air Operations Centre, Commander Air Combat Group, Air Commander Australia, Head Capability Systems and most notably, Head Force Design. In addition, the extensive leadership and operational experience he gained whilst in command of No 75 Squadron, on deployment to the Middle East, stand him in good stead to plan, control and conduct military campaigns, operations, joint exercises and other activities in order to meet Australia's national objectives.

7. I congratulate the above officers on their upcoming promotions and appointments.



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