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Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Cameron (Ret'd)

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Cameron

Thank you for your letters of 7 and 22 February 2017 seeking approval to display the Battle Honour for Coral-Balmoral and to amend the date of the Vietnam Theatre Honour on the 1st Armoured Regiment's Standard.

I am pleased to advise there is no administrative impediment to meeting both of your requests. I have been assured that Army Headquarters, in conjunction with the 1st Armoured Regiment and the Royal Australian Armoured Corp Cooperation, will endeavour to have the emblazing amended and completed by the 49th anniversary of Coral-Balmoral at the end of May 2017.

Previous Army protocols limited the number of Theatre Honours, Battle Honours and Honour Distinctions that may be emblazoned on Unit and Corps Colours, Standards or Guidons to two Battle Honours against each Theatre Honour. As you may be aware, this restriction was reviewed and amended by the then Chief of Army on 1 February 2013.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely ehan MAR 2017