



Dear Members

There is initiative being driven by a small but very focused team to gain support for the development of a medal for those in our profession who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of their duties who at this time get no recognition through the Australian Honours System.

The AIPIO Board is supporting this medallic issue which affects not only Intelligence Officers but Constables of Police, Protective Service, ASO's (Air Marshals) and Federal Agents of the AFP, Immigration (DIAC), Quarantine (AQIS), Customs (ACBPS), and Fisheries (AFMA).

The medallic team has commenced a targeted campaign in an effort to raise awareness and support to the issue of appropriate recognition for Australia's civilian paramilitary professionals. The campaign will be lobbied to the government via the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Awards and Culture Branch.

If you are in agreement with this initiative I encourage you to contribute to the on line petition located at; <http://www.petitiononline.com/abpm2009/petition.html>.

Find below a PDF file titled "*For Service - A Matter of Honour, Submission for the Establishment of an Australian Border Protection Medal (ABPM)*", which is the beginning of the submission document and please note the medal name has not been agreed or finalised but the ABPM is a working name at present.

Thank you for your continued support of relevant issues.

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