PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED:

The undersigned petitioners express disappointment that the Report of the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal Inquiry into unresolved recognition for past acts of naval and military gallantry and valour failed to recognise any of the thirteen nominated brave Australians for a Victoria Cross or some other award, including and especially ordinary seaman Teddy Sheean. Teddy Sheean served on the HMAS Armidale and when attacked on 1 December 1942 and ordered to abandon ship he returned to his anti-aircraft gun and fired at the enemy aircraft to protect his mates being strafed in the water. Teddy Sheean did this in total disregard for his own safety and life, and was seen continuing to fire as the ship went down.

The Tribunal stated "Sheean's actions displayed conspicuous gallantry but **did not reach the particularly high standard required for recommendation for a VC**". We believe the Tribunal's Report was flawed and their assessment of Teddy Sheean and his bravery was incorrect.

Your Petitioners therefore ask the Senate to note our disappointment and ask the Government to **set aside the report of the Tribunal** and **reconsider the acts of valour demonstrated** by the thirteen nominated brave Australians and specifically Teddy Sheean.

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