

## DECLARATION OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE VETERANS' SUPPORT ACT 2014

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"), I hereby give the following notice.

### Notice

1. I declare service:

- in Republic of Iraq as defined, from 1 July 1988 up to and including 30 June 2023, to be operational service for the purposes of the Act.

*Republic of Iraq* – The geographic area of Iraq includes all of the sovereign territory defined by the boundaries with neighbouring states through recognised agreements. These include recognised pre-independence agreements with neighbouring Turkey including the 1926 and 1927 Iraq-Turkey agreements and protocols; with neighbouring Syria including the 1932 and 1933 Iraq-Syria agreements and reports; with neighbouring Iran including the 1975 Iran-Iraq Treaty; with neighbouring Jordan including the 1984 Iraq-Jordan Border treaty; with neighbouring Saudi Arabia including the 1981 Iraq-Saudi Arabia Frontier Treaty; and with neighbouring Kuwait including the results of the 1993 UN Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission. The geographic area of Iraq also includes the 12nm territorial sea area in accordance with Law No. 71 of 1958, extending from the baseline defined in the 9 May 2011 UN Maritime Zone Notification (MZN.83.2011.LOS).

2. I declare that the declaration for service in the Republic of Iraq will supersede the previous declaration for:

- Service in the Republic of Iraq from 1 July 1988 up to and including 30 June 2022, made on 17 June 2020 by Hon Ron Mark, Minister for Veterans.

3. This declaration covers:

- members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) serving with the NZDF;
- members of the NZDF on secondment with the armed forces of other nations; and
- any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force.

4. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

5. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.



Dated this 24 day of July 2022

Hon MEKA WHAITIRI, Minister for Veterans