

Elizabeth II



COMMISSION

Passed under the Royal Sign Manual and the
Great Seal of Australia, appointing

MARIE BASHIR AC

to administer the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia
in the event of the absence, etc., of the Governor-General

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of
Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the
Commonwealth: To Professor Marie Bashir, Companion of the
Order of Australia, Governor of the State of New South Wales,
Greeting:

WE DO, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and the Great Seal of
Australia, appoint you, Professor Marie Bashir, in the event of the absence out
of Australia, or the death, incapacity or removal of Our Governor-General of
the Commonwealth of Australia for the time being, or in the event of Our
Governor-General having absented himself temporarily from office for any
reason, to administer the Government of the Commonwealth, upon a request in
that behalf being made to you in accordance with Our Letters Patent as
amended relating to the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of
Australia.

AND WE DO hereby declare that this Our present Commission shall remain in
force during Our pleasure.

Given at Our Court

At Buckingham Palace

On 20 May 2003

By Her Majesty's Command



John Howard
Prime Minister