



8 October 2007

The Hon. John Howard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I have pleasure in submitting the thirtieth Commonwealth Ombudsman Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2007, as required by s 19(1) of the *Ombudsman Act 1976*.

In accordance with s 19F(3) of the Act, the report also contains the twenty-third Annual Report of the Defence Force Ombudsman.

Section 38 of the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*, now repealed, requires a report on operations of the Ombudsman under that Act during the year ended 30 June 2007. This report deals with those matters.

Section 19(4) of the Act requires that the report be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of its receipt.

Yours sincerely

Prof. John McMillan
Commonwealth Ombudsman