ATTACHMENT A – SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Paper name	Out of Session : Australian War Memorial response to the IGADF report
Recommendation	That Council discuss the Australian War Memorial's response to the IGADF report.
Issue date	27 November 2020 Webex meeting 10.00am ADST
Apologies:	Service Chiefs, represented by Air Commodore Dave Hombsch (RAAF COS), Brigadier Dave Kelly (Army COS)
Not on the call:	Dan Keighran

Minute:

- Council members met via Webex at 10.00am on Friday, 27 November 2020 ADST to discuss the IGADF report (the report) and the proposed response by the Australian War Memorial.
- In response to the report and media interest, and after consultation prior to the meeting with the Director, the Chairman proposed that a hardcopy of the redacted and publicly available version be placed in the Research Centre and there be no change to exhibits until the outcomes of investigations are completed.
- The Chairman raised concerns about the impact of recent media interest regarding his support of war veterans on his role of Chairman, and the potential impact on the Memorial's reputation.

For noting:

- The Director advised that no changes had been made to the Afghanistan gallery in response to the report. Due process must be followed and 'strategic patience' would be central to the Memorial's response. It would, as ever, hasten slowly.
- Council agreed that the existing exhibitions should not be altered but future proposed exhibitions would be informed by the outcomes of the investigations as a result of the report.
- The Council unanimously supported the Chairman in his role, Adding that anyone who did not support veterans should not be on Council in the first place. It was also noted that the Chairman's support for the Veteran community was long standing and was not a recent reaction in response to the report.
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Outcome:

- Council members agreed a copy of the IGAF report be made available through the Memorial's website, a hardcopy be placed in the research Centre and there be no change to the Memorial galleries until the outcomes of investigations are completed.
- Council members supported the Chairman to continue in his role.
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Approved: Chairman – Mr Kerry Stokes AC

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