Victoria by the Grace of God

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith TO Our trusty and well beloved Sir Dominick Daly Knight Greeting Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of Our Reign entitled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land" It was enacted that it should be lawful for Us by Letters Patent to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to define as to Us should seem meet the limits of the Colony of New South Wales and to erect into a separate Colony or Colonies any territories which then were or were reputed to be or thereafter might be comprized within the said Colony of New South Wales **And whereas** by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the twenty fourth and twenty fifth years of Our Reign entitled "An Act to remove doubts respecting the authority of the Legislature of Queensland and to annex certain territories to the Colony of South Australia and for other purposes" it was amongst other things provided that it should be lawful for Us by such Letters Patent as aforesaid to annex to any Colony which was then or which might thereafter be established on the Continent of Australia any Territories which (in the exercise of the powers thereinbefore mentioned) might have been erected into a separate Colony. Provided always that it should be lawful for Us in such Letters Patent to reserve such powers of revoking or altering the same as to Us should seem fit or to declare the period during which such Letters Patent should remain in force and also on the revocation or other determination of such Letters Patent again to exercise in respect of the territories referred to therein or any part thereof all such powers and authority as might have been exercised if the said Letters Patent had never been made now know you that We have thought fit in pursuance of the powers so vested in Us and of all other powers and authorities to Us in that behalf belonging to annex And We do hereby annex to Our said Colony of South Australia until We think fit to make other disposition thereof or of any part or parts thereof so much of Our said Colony of New South Wales as lies to the Northward of the twenty sixth Parallel of South Latitude and between the One hundred and twenty ninth and One hundred and thirty eighth degrees of East Longitude together with the bays and gulfs therein and all and every the Islands adjacent to any part of the mainland within such limits as aforesaid with their rights members and appurtenances. And We do hereby reserve to Us Our heirs and successors full power and authority from time to time to revoke alter or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem fit In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster the sixth day of July in the twenty seventh year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual

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