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**SUSPENSION FROM DUTY OF MEMBER CHARGED WITH OFFENCE**Sub-section 98(1) of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 (Cth)*To **8564865 Leading Aircraftsman Christopher Adams** of Number 17 Squadron.

You, a member of the Defence Force, have been charged with a civil court offence, namely, a number of offences against section 73 *Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)* of sexual intercourse with child between 16 and 18 under special care.

I note that on 29 Apr 14 you were provided with a Notification of Intention to suspend you from duty, to which you were invited to respond within seven days. You asked for an extension of a further seven days to respond which I granted. You submitted a response on 12 May 14. In making my decision I have considered the initial notification of intention to suspend you from duty and the contents of the response you have submitted.

Pursuant to sub-section 98(1) of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 (Cth)*, I **8161170 Group Captain Veronica Marjory Tyler**, an authorised officer for the purposes of that sub-section, hereby suspend you from duty.

For the period of your suspension I have made the determination pursuant to sub-section 100(3) of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 (Cth)*, and so direct that you are to continue to receive remuneration in order to alleviate any financial or other hardship you may experience during your period of suspension.

I also direct that during the period of your suspension you are to provide CO 17SQN regular updates on the progress of your court matters including court appearances and similar. You are also directed to report to OIC AOF 17SQN on a weekly basis, or such other time period as determined by OIC AOF 17SQN, for a regular welfare check during your period of suspension.

**VM Tyler**  
GPCAPT  
OC 96WG

Authorised Officer pursuant to Appointment of Authorised Officers  
signed by the Chief of Air Force on 27 Feb 12

22 May 13

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