



**SENATOR THE HON LINDA REYNOLDS CSC**  
**MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY**  
**MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND NORTH QUEENSLAND**  
**RECOVERY**

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**SENATOR REYNOLDS APPOINTED TO CABINET IN THE**  
**MORRISON GOVERNMENT**

It is both an honour and a privilege to be appointed to Cabinet as the Minister for Defence Industry and Minister for Emergency Management and North Queensland Recovery in the Morrison Government.

There is no greater responsibility for any Government than the safety and security of our nation.

Having spent most of my adult life serving in our Army Reserves, I understand what we ask our men and women in uniform to do on our behalf. As a government, we must ensure they are as safe and as best equipped as we can possibly make them. Ensuring the equipment we provide them is state of the art and, wherever possible, made right here in Australia.

As the Army's first Adjutant General in several decades, I was responsible for reforming the Army's safety and security compliance regime which provided me with a deep understanding of what it takes to keep our men and women safe. Having worked in, and with our defence industry for many years, it is clear how capable we are here in Australia, and how smart our people are.

Our contemporary geo-strategic environment is challenging, and it is vital we deliver all new single service and joint capabilities, on time and on budget. Having delivered three large organisational reforms in Army, I understand the challenges inherent in doing so.

The creation of a dedicated Emergency Management portfolio recognises the unique and harsh challenges our nation faces from extreme weather events. I am honoured to be able to continue working with the Prime Minister and the talented team at Emergency Management Australia who do an extraordinary job, in partnership with states and territories, on behalf of all Australians. In the worst of times we always see the very best of Australians.

I am proud to serve my nation in this new role and stand with our Prime Minister, who is both a strong and compassionate leader. A leader for our times.

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