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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

## Review into decisions relating to recognition for Teddy

In a major step forward for appropriate recognition for Teddy Sheean, the Royal Australian Navy has said it is reviewing all past decisions on the matter, following a submission made by Guy Barnett and Garry Ivory in August 2017.

“We are both delighted and feel more hopeful than ever,” Mr Ivory said.

“It has been a long and at times emotional rollercoaster, but we have had to stay strong and remain diligent in doing the research.”

Mr Barnett said securing a letter of support from the last surviving sailor who served with Teddy helped secure the review.

“The letter of support is new and compelling evidence that supports calls for a Victoria Cross for Teddy Sheean,” Mr Barnett said.

“We are hopeful this review, taking into account new evidence, will give Teddy Sheean the best chance to receive the recognition he deserves for his actions in the final moments of the HMAS Amidale.”

In his letter, Commander Paul Fothergill of the Royal Australian Navy said, “...I can advise you that we are in the process of a thorough examination of past Tribunal considerations and outcomes and reviewing a number of options to present to CN (Chief of Navy).”

The Royal Australian Navy has also confirmed the matter is undergoing research, and have dedicated appropriate staffing to investigate.

“It appears the Royal Australian Navy is taking this matter seriously and that is why we are now more positive than ever,” Mr Barnett said.

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