



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that, pursuant to subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of "a threatening, hostile, hazardous and/or menacing situation and/or environment" as a factor in the following conditions:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
Alcohol use disorder	1 & 2 of 2009, as amended by 29 & 30 of 2014
Substance use disorder	3 & 4 of 2009, as amended by 31 & 32 of 2014
Bipolar disorder	27 & 28 of 2009
Panic disorder	68 & 69 of 2009
Schizophrenia	15 of 2009, as amended by 93 of 2011, & 16 of 2009
Suicide and attempted suicide	11 & 12 of 2010

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **6 August 2014**.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [www.rma.gov.au] or by contacting the RMA Secretariat at the address or telephone number provided.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address provided no later than **18 July 2014**.

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed in the presence of:)

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 14/03/2014