



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 it intends to carry out an investigation under subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 59 & 60 of 2015 concerning spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis.

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 11 October 2016.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis may be suffered or contracted, or death from spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis may occur, and the extent to which spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis or death from spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website [www.rma.gov.au/investigations/] to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to info@rma.gov.au or posted to the address below. The RMA Submission Guidelines are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than 4 October 2016.

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
was affixed at the direction of:

Handwritten signature of Professor Nicholas Saunders AO and the official red circular seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority.

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 26 / 08 /2016